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Labour is still on course for victory, says MORI poll

BY PETER RIDDELL

LABOUR enters the final week of the election campaign in a commanding position with no evidence of any Tory recovery, according to the latest MORI poll for The Times.

The poll will undermine the surge in Tory hopes yesterday that the party is at last narrowing the gap. It suggests that Labour is still on course for a clear election victory on

The MORI poll, undertaken on Tuesday, puts Labour on 48 per cent, down one point over the past recent polls. A new Gallup survey

week. The Torics are on 27 per cent, today puts Labour on 50 per cent down five points on the week. By contrast, the Liberal Democrats have gained four points over the week to 17 per cent. Support for the Referendum Party has risen from 2 to 3 per cent over the week.

The MORI figure for the Tories could be exceptionally low. It is the lowest of the campaign, and helow the party's recent range, so the Labour lead, at 21 points, may be exaggerated. But the poll as a whole confirms Labour's strong position. and is line with all but one other

against 30 per cent for the Tories. Other questions asked by MORI support this conclusion. Tony Blair enjoys a big lead over John Major on who would make the most capable Prime Minister, and Lab-

our is also well ahead of the Tories on who has the best team of leaders. the best policies for the country as a whole and who is most clear and

Particularly damaging for the Tories is that more than a quarter of the public believe that it is time for a change, even though they accept

that "the Government has built strong foundations for Britain's economic recovery". This confirms that a crucial block of voters is prepared to disregard the strength of the economy, putting a higher priority on getting rid of the Tories. Admittedly, an unusually large number — a quarter of those questioned — say they may change their voting intentions over the next week. But more Tory than Labour

supporters say they may shift. The poll is directly contrary to an ICM poll in The Guardian yesterday, which showed a big rise in

Tory support to 37 per cent and drop in the Labour rating to 42 per cent. which is out of line with all other recent polls.

The Tories have seized on the figures which, they say, back their own private voting intention polls which have been putting the Labour lead in single figures. Mr Major has also claimed that the evidence from Tory canvass returns points to higher Tory support than the polls which have "haifled" him.

The rise in Liberal Democrat support is also reflected in an improvement in its relative position

so it is now in the lead in the main Tory/Liberal Democrat marginal seats. The Tories, however, believe that the recent arguments over Europe may help them retain waverers in key sears in the southwest, such as the fishing ports of Cornwall.

MORI interviewed 1,133 adults at 85 sampling points across Britain on a face-to-face basis on April 22. Voting intention figures extude whose who say they would not vote to per cent), are undecided 19 per centl or who refuse to name a party |4 per

Lottery plan angers BMA and teachers

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DOCTORS and poured scorn on Labour's olans for a "El billion jackpot" of lottery money for health and education last night. claiming that the party would use the weekly draw to pay for basic services.

Tony Blair and an array of celebrities announced that the midweek Lottery fund, proiected to raise £400 million profit a year, would be earmarked for health centres. homework clubs and information technology training for teachers.

"Labour can't guarantee that you'll win the lottery. But we will guarantee your money goes to causes you care about," Mr Blair said. "It is the people's lottery. It should ad-

dress the people's priorities." But the British Medical Association and the National Association of Head Teachers immediately attacked the idea and expressed fears about basic funding. Critics also said that the lottery was usually played by those on low incomes, and it was unfair that they should pay twice for public services.

There might be an assumption that because there is a pot

THE Conservatives last night

published a "war book" con-

taining a detailed Labour

campaign plan and predicted

that the party was planning a series of smears in the final

Brian Mawhinney released

the 32-page document — which arrived at Conservative

Central Office in a brown

envelope six months ago -with a letter to candidates

claiming that it showed that

Labour accepted it was weak

on the unions, tax, the hidden

Left, Europe and inexperience.

said that the document, called

War Book: Version 3, proved

that Labour thought the Con-

The Tory chairman also

days before polling.

strengths and fears

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR



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of gold at the end of the lottery rainbow we don't need to worry any longer about the

NHS," the BMA said.
David Hart, NAHT general secretary, said that Labour was in grave danger of going down the same route as the Tories - "using lottery money increasingly to resource basic needs in schools."

He had no doubt that lottery money was being used for important initiatives. "But I remain very sceptical about the desirability of using lottery money to fund basic needs

servatives were strong on in-

flation, interest rates, the econ-

omy and Europe. But Labour chiefs, who said

the document was authentic if

out of date, disputed Dr

Mawhinney's interpretation.

They said it was a summary

of Conservative claims about

Labour strengths and

The document identifies the

four main threats to Labour as

imply that Britain had no

influence within the Commun-

ity because "Major is weak

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across all schools and there is no doubt that information technology is a basic need as we enter the 21st century." The National Union of Teachers welcomed Labour's

ennouncement of in-service IT training for teachers, but also expressed concern about it being funded from lottery cash. "Such essential provision as the training of teachers should not be dependent on unreliable sources of funding," the union said.
The Tories accused Labour

of a "smash and grab" raid on lottery money to fund the "black hole" in its spending plans. Brian Mawhinney, the Tory party chairman, said: "Gordon Brown has already admitted that taxes would rise in July under a Labour government. Now we know that they would not only put up taxes - they would pinch the

Lottery cash too." But Mr Blair defended his plan, insisting the £1 billion would come on top of government spending and arguing that the new projects would be difficult to finance under

present constraints.
His aides denied that existing lottery projects would be penalised but they admitted that the midweek lottery 'War book' reveals which has boosted overall profits by 20 per cent in the past two weeks would be ringlenced.

Labour aides also admitted that the "people's lottery" could have an impact on future projects and accepted that primary legislation would be needed to amend the existing lonery laws. The current distributors would need to be consulted before legislation was finalised.

Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary. claimed that Labour's scheme would jeopardise the success of the lottery, increasing bu-reaucracy and threatening the concept that lottery money should not be used for govern-

the economy, fear of Labour, decent John Major and Europe. It suggests that the way to tackle Europe was to ment projects. She also insisted that El billion would have to be reallocated from existing projects, so community sports clubs, charities and arts could



Jemima Khan with son Sulaiman canvassing for the Referendum Party yesterday

Jemima rejoins election trail

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

LAST time Jemima Khan, née Goldsmith, tried to rouse women voters it was in Urdu. She might as well have spoken

that yesterday.

"Why did you choose us?"
Sarah Hobbouse, the head-mistress, said as she shooed away elegant, pencil-slim Jemima from Coombe Hill infants' school, Kingston upon Thames, as she fied to mingle

with mothers. "We are doing other schools as well," Jemima assured her. "Good." snapped Mrs Hobhouse, retreating across the playground.

Jemima, daughter of Sir James, fought her first election campaign this year in Paki-stan where husband Imran Khan's Movement for Justice won none of the national assembly's 217 seats. A similar result is predicted for her father's Referendum Party

next Thursday. Yesterday she hauled her five-month-old son Sulaiman around as she continued the struggle to creare a political dynasty for him to inherit — somewhere.

She had started the week by

getting out and about among the council tenants of Putney, where Sir James seeks to end David Mellor's 7,500 Tory majority - the former "Minis ter for Fun" having challenged her to do just that.

Ferry lines win order to halt **Calais** blockade

BY HARVEY EULIOTT TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT SUSAN BELL IN CALAIS AND JOANNA BALE

THREE rival ferry companies last night obtained an injunction ordering 15 French fishermen to end a blockade of Calais which caused 36 hours of cross-Channel travel chaos. Each of the fishermen identified by the numbers on

their boats - was served with the injunction ordering them to move away within one hour or face fines of Fr100,000 (£9,000) per person per hour. were at sea the orders were left in their homes. They had imposed the

blockade on Tuesday afternoon in protest at being ordered to widen the mesh of their nets to avoid catching under-sized fish. Within hours, as the boats

strung their nets across the harbour at Calais, hundreds of lorries backed up along the M20 approach to Dover. Other fishermen at Boulogne and Dunkirk joined the action and their skippers showed no sign of being ready to lift the blockade which stranded ferries, caused a massive tailback of lorries along the approaches to the British channel ports and infuriated haulage firms who face renewed losses.

Angry haulage firms yesterday went to the see the French Ambassador in London to hand in a demand for E88 million in compensation from the earlier dispute. Although he promised to pass it on to President Chirac, there was little sign that it would have any more success than previous demands.

Thousands of day-tripper foot passengers abandoned their plans to cross to Calais for El a head to stock up on duty-free goods. Cars were switched to the Shuttle tunnel crossing or to ports further east and west.

Passengers were angry at the French fishermen for blockading Calais and caus-ing delays. Brynley Fowler, 50. of Launceston, Cornwal, I was on his way by coach to Sulou, Spain with II relatives, includ-ing five children. He said: "It was absolute chaos. The French should be kicked out of the European Union because they hold everyone else, especially us, to ransom."

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"I lied to a pollster"

Martial music marked end of Peru siege

An electronic signal received by a member of the Peruvian security forces held hostage inside the Japanese Ambassador's residence in Lima gave a vital warning that an operation to lift the 126-day sie was about to be launched.

The sound of the Peruvian Marines' official anthem from loudspeakers provided confirmation to the rest of the hostages that the attack was

Cricketing idol Compton dies

Denis Compton, the cavalier of cricket and hero to generations of schoolboys, died yes-terday in a Windsor hospital after suffering a leg infection. He was 78.

Compton, who represented England at cricket and foot-ball, was a idol for many youngsters and was also a pioneer of commercialism in sport Pages 5 and 50 Obituary, page 25

College votes to stay women-only

Oxford University's last single-sex college is to retain its women-only staff. St Hilda's College dons voted by 17 to ten to admit male academics as full members, or fellows — but failed by one vote to secure the two-thirds majority needed. The result was heraided by the college's students as a victory for women's educationPage 3

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For British lorrymen stranded at Dover by the blockade anti-French means pro-Tory

Drivers turn Eurosceptic as tempers run short

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

FOR most of the 1,500 lorry drivers caught in the queues snaking along the M20 to Dover yesterday it was the second time in months that the French had wreaked havoc on their business and livelihood.

Some drivers had lost thousands of pounds after being stuck in French lorry blockades in Calais last November. Anti-French feeling was running high yesterday as the drivers faced a 12-hour wait to reach a French port with each minute adding pounds to their debts. Most drivers were angrily resigned to the wait as they shuffled in groups by their stationary cabs, sharing drinks and sandwiches which were meant to see them

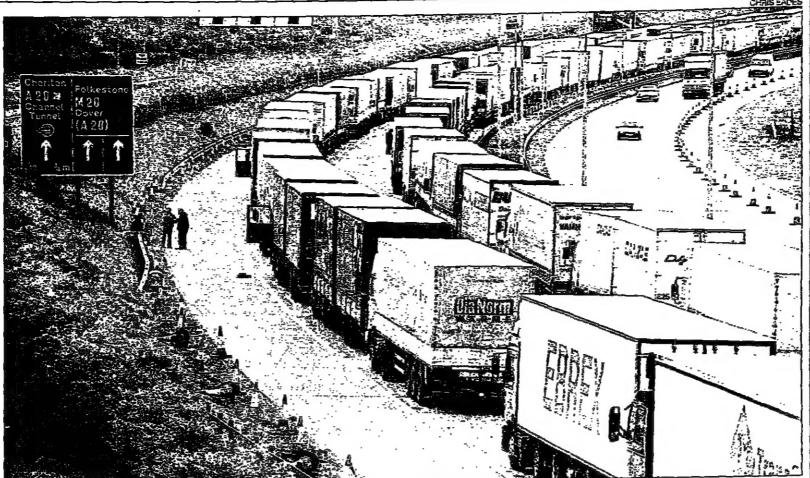
through to the Continent. The few French drivers meanwhile stayed in isolated pockets on opposite sides of the motorway as rumours that the French were trying to cheat the police blockades and jump the queues swept the stationary lorries. Indeed, the only drivers who weren't angry at the French were the French drivers. Everybody has problems. It's normal to strike so we are not angry. Thierry Rinjot said. The problem is that you English

simply could not afford to lose more time. And with the prospect of another strike by French lorry drivers on May 5. some drivers said yesterday this was enough to persuade them to put a cross by the Tory candidate on ballot day.

"I'm going to give my vote to the Conservative Party," said Lee Thorn who was trying to get his load of parcels across to Arnhem for his company, Jack Con International. They are the only ones who will try and make a stand. I don't trust the others to take a firm line with the French.

Last year Mr Thorn was in Ostend for 36 hours losing his employer hundreds of pounds. His father. Barry 'Spike' Thorn, who who travelling in the lorry behind his son, was equally disenchanted.

The company is losing thousands every time this happens. We have lorries stuck in Zeebrugge, lorries stuck here. It is not time we are wasting but the fact that the schedules get messed up as well. We are all worried. It is enough to make a small company like ours go under." Every 20 minutes, another



The Calais blockade has stranded 1.500 lorries on the M20 at Ashford. Kent. Many drivers are still smarting from the last French protest

25 or so forries was allowed to shunt forward from the fourmile queue on the M20 and onwards to Dover, where they faced further delays. For Bob Jackson, 48, an owner-driver from Preston, his six hours in the queue so far had been long enough for him to rethink his

If I counted up the money it was costing me every minute I stood here doing nothing I would have a heart attack. It is hundreds of pounds a day. I simply cannot afford it," he

to get away with causing this havoc. We need someone to take a hard line and I've decided Mr Blair isn't the one who will do it."

Near the front of the queue,

On this occasion, Mr Jack-

son was carrying non-perish-

able produce to Austria but in

the past has not been so lucky.

"Last time I was stuck in

Calais for three days with

frozen lamb and a refrigerator

that was losing energy by the

The French seem to be able

yards from two French drivers but his looks could have killed from a mile away. "I think all the French drivers shoud be shunted to the side to let the English drivers through. Let them get a dose of their own

medicine." he said. Mr Barry was trying to get his load to Mainz in Germany for his company, Davis Turner. "I am one of the lucky ones. I get paid whatever happens but each time somehing like this happens, the boss is losing thousands. He sort of thing could close him down, it is very worrying for all of us who work there. This will change my vote, and I'll leave you to guess which

Further back up the queue, another owner driver Joe Russell, was cycling at the up and down past the stationary lorries in a bid to forget the delay will cost him around £2,000. His truck contained fish from Glasgow to a variety of French markets. "When the French strike they involve everyone," Mr Russell said. "At the end of the day, this is my livelihood being messed with."

Fred Higheast from South Ockenden. Essex, joined in: The trouble with the French is that if they have any grievances they are inclined to bring their country to a halt. But it doesn't just affect them, It affects us, especially as an

Indeed, the only drivers who weren't angry with the strik-ing French fishermen were the French lorry drivers waiting their turn to cross back to their

NEWS IN BRIEF Howard wrong to order life sentences

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Michael Howard suffered another defeat in the courts esterday when a judge ruled that he was wrong to order two IRA prisoners to remain in jail until they die. The Home Secretary had agreed with Lord Lane, then the Lord Chief Justice, that Paul Kavanagh and Thomas Quigley should serve a whole life tariff for their part in a bombing campaign in Lon-don. But the High Court in Belfast ruled that he should also have consulted the trial judge, who recommended

that they serve 35 years.

Kavanagh and Quigley,
currently in Maghaberry jail in Co Antrim, were convicted at the Old Bailey in 1985 of three murders during 1981.

The Home Office said that the judgment appeared to call into question the ability of the Home Secretary to order that a life sentence can mean that a person is detained for the rest of their life.

Killer to fly home

The four-times killer Archie "Mad Dog" McCafferty is expected to be flown from Australia to Britain this Sunday after he lost his final appeal to overturn a deportation order. McCafferty, who is on parole, is expected to return to his native Glasgow, where the council has said it is obliged to house him, despite

Death charge

A businessman went on trial vesterday accused of killing a residual motorist while using a mobile phone. Reading Crown Court was told that Peter Mill. 35. struck an oncoming van while listenine to his messages. killing Geoffrey Murray, 54. Mr Mill denies causing death by dan-gerous driving on September

Gossip GP guilty

Norman Shannon, 54, a Warwickshire GP who blurted out in a pub that the licensee's wife had received artificial insemination, was found guilty of serious professional misconduct by a GMC com-mittee. It also asked the Health Committee to consider whether he should be banned for three years from the care of individual patients.

Blooming early

The dry weather has produced an early display of one Britain's rarest wild plants, the snakeshead fritillary. An estimated 300,000 of the purple and white flowers have bloomed about a week sooner than usual on a water meadow at Framsden, Suffolk, one of only 34 sites in Britain where the buttercup-sized plant is found.

Persistent fish

A Welsh salmon has achieved an almost unheard-of feat of sexual prowess and longevity by spawning five times, a record thought to have been equalled only once in Britain. The fish was found washed up on the banks of the River Cothi in Dyfed. The scales showed it was had probably gone to sea and returned to spawn for five years running.

to continue action until quotas restored

FROM SUSAN BELL IN CALAIS

FLYING a black pirate flag, the flotilla of 22 brightly-coloured fishing boats continued to block the narrow entrance to Calais harbour yesterday. The usually bustling port was almost completely deserted as drivers switched to the Channel Tunnel or travelled to Zeebrugge in Belgium.

Only the giant car park, packed most of them British, showed any sign of life. The hauliers are unable

closed to lorries after last year's fire. Many rejected going to Zeebrugge where they feared exceptionally long queues, preferring to gamble on an early resolution of the protest. All of the 55 daily sailings between Dover and Calais, run by P&O, Stena Line and Seafrance

were cancelled yesterday. Over an impromptu lunch of ravioli aboard his trawler Sacré Coeur, Pascal Hamy, the fisherreasons behind the protest. "Sixty per cent of our fishing fleet will be forced out of business in the next

directives. We don't want this war, we just want to protect our profession and continue to make a living. "Nothing ever happens unless we take strong action. We are well

aware we are making everyone angry by doing this but it is a question of survival for us. Believe me, we would rather be working than doing this."

Starting next year, an EU directive will force the fishermen to increase the size of the niwesh of that they had no choice but to turn their net from between 84mms and to strong-arm tactics. The British 90 mms to 100mms to protect are part of the EU too. They must

resources. The French fishermen say this is unnecessary. Fish are plentiful and the EU is continuing to allow the Dutch and Belgians to use finer mesh nets. The fishermen are also angry about proposed quotas on sole. Under new EU targets, their current quota of 300 tons will be reduced by almost a

M Harny said the fishermen have been trying to negotiate for three weeks without success and put pressure on the French govern-ment and the EU to help us resolve this as soon as possible."

M Harry threatened to continue

the protest until the French agriculture minister agreed to sign an agreement to abolish the directive and increase their quotas. The hundreds of stranded lorry

driver were fed up but resigned.
Michael Hatton, who is transporting cloth from Italy to his native Manchester, was one of the first to get stuck when he narrowly missed the last Stena Line ferry to escape the blockade on Tuesday afternoon. refrigerator system going."

"I am used to it now. I got stuck in the last one." he said, referring to last November's dispute by French lorry drivers. I think it is childish. I suppose they have to make their point but why should other people suffer?" he said.

Mr Hatton was sharing his dwindling food supplies with Dave Bacon, whose lorry is loaded with 20 tonnes of Haagen-Dazs ice

cream worth £80,000 "Everyone is really brassed off. I have already used a quarter of the diesel in my tank to keep the

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tuition for ME syndrome girl By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR given three hours' reaching a parents had argued that the

Mother wins fight over home

THE mother of a 15-year-old girl who is no ill to go to school won a High Court local authority from cutting her home tuition

More than 100,000 children could benefit from the decision, which will be tested in the Court of Appeal. Mr Justice Keene ruled that East Sussex County Council was wrong to take account of its own need for budget cuts in considering what was suitable education for Beth Tandy. who suffers chronic fatigue syndrome, known as ME.

The judge found that the council's decision to reduce Beth's tuition from five hours to three was irrational. Her

Little room

at the top

for women

lawyers

BY FRANCES GIBB

WOMEN lawyers are still

under-represented at the top

level of the legal profession,

even though an equal number are entering the field, accord-

ners in the 200 biggest solici-

tors' firms was 26 per cent, the survey by the Young Women

Lawyers group found. That

compared with two years ago. The survey also found that law firms had a poor record

on providing paternity leave. In 1995, 24 per cent of the largest 100 firms offered leave

to new fathers. The figure has

risen to 39 per cent in the latest survey, but falls to 30

per cent among the largest 200 law firms.

Clare McGlynn, chairper-

son of Young Women Law-yers and a law lecturer at Newcastle University, said:

"Women have been entering

the solicitors' profession in

almost equal numbers for

more than ten years but they

are still not rising to the senior

levels of the profession."

ing to a new survey.

revised allocation was not sufficient to give her a realistic chance of successfully completing GCSEs in English language. mathematics.

its budget for 1996-97.

literature and

Hilary Tandy, from Lewes, accused the council of unlawfully putting financial savings before the educational needs of her daughter. Proposals to cut home tuition for Beth and others came when the education authority found a shortfall of more than 43 million in

Councillors agreed last September to cut funding for home tuition from £100,000 to £25,000 a year. Children re-ceiving the service would be

breaks his word".

industry, investment."

Tory weaknesses identified included: "17 years too long — time for them to go; for the few

not the many; Major - weak leadership; division; betrayal;

Dr Mawhinney said in his

letter to candidates: "The war

book sets out the unprecedent-ed cynicism with which they planned and conducted this

campaign - or, more sinister-

tax; NHS; education; crime."

week, rather than five, and new applicants would receive two hours.

The judge said the 1993 Education Act imposed a duty on local education authorities "to make arrangements for the provision of suitable education for children who, by reason of illness or exclusion from school or other reason", needed such arrangements to be made. An authority could not take its financial resources directly into account.

Beth's father. David, said: "Taking legal action was a very big step to take but it followed a natural course. We are delighted and relieved that this is now all over."

Labour election war book Continued from page I and his party divided. The way to tackle Mr Major was to SUMMARY OF OUR MESSAGE say that he is "devious as well as weak and continually TWO FUTURES Labour strengths were list-ed as: "TB (Tony Blair) young, strong, dynamic; New The Conservatives are Labour: changed, safer, new the future unfit to govern - they put ideas: future/newness; time for change; for all the people; leadership; education; NHS; the future at risk New party, new constitution

ly, the cynicism they have shown towards voters." He also said that the document showed that Labour would resort to further "smears" including suggesting that people would have to pay to see their GP, and that there would be "more guns, knives

Strong economy / cut

VAT on fuel

and crime" But senior Labour sources dismissed the Tory decision to release an old document as a pathetic attempt to deflect attention from Labour's plans for National Lottery cash.

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The war book compares Tory and Labour Britain

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Students at St Hilda's, Oxford, hail 'victory for female education', but principal warns of teaching crisis

One vote prevents male dons joining all-women college

By David Charter, Education correspondent

OXFORD University's last single-sex college is to retain its women-only staff. Sr Hilda's College dons voted by 17 to ten to admit male academics as full members, or fellows, but they failed by one vote to secure the two-thirds majority

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The result was hailed by the college's students, who campaigned against change, as a victory for women's education. But Elizabeth Llewellyn-Smith, the principal, said that the 104-year-old college might have to drop subjects where it has struggled to find women fellows. It has none in chemistry, where it needs three, nor in physics and engineering. where it needs two each.

The college has failed to recruit a single fellow since equal opportunities laws in 1990 opened all university appointments to men and women. The two women appointed by the university in the subjects with shortages

you, and agrees to write references for you for the next 30 years," Miss Llewellyn-Smith said. But Tamsin Lishman, president of the junior common room and a second-year engineering student, said: "We really feel it is important to have somewhere to promote women's education. The result was a surprise - I had certainly resigned myself to going mixed. It is the best result for the college in the long term, although it will make life quite tough for the

Katherine Terrell, president



Rose Winterton, Holly Joint, Melanie Andrews and Louise Buckley were among St Hilda's students celebrating the ballot yesterday

again soon by governors. The

of the middle common room, which represents graduate students, added: "The student body was very much in favour of remaining with the status quo, particularly because of the position of women at

Just 17 per cent of Oxford

women, falling to 5 per cent in the sciences. Ms Terrell added: "Students feel they are getting very good quality teaching as it is and it is worth sacrificing some continuity in order to preserve the character of the college.

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary and a St

Hilda's graduate, was among undergraduates are very keen not to change because they are those who spoke in favour of retaining the all-female status. worried that allowing men in Miss Llewellyn-Smith said as fellows would be the thin that she sympathised with end of the wedge," she said. "I do sympathise with them. student fears on admitting male academics. But the issue Women's experiences in would not go away and she mixed colleges are not invaripredicted it would be raised

ably happy." Hilda Brown, the college's senior tutor, argued that St Hilda's was at risk of alienating itself from the university refusing to accept male dons appointed by it.

Cambridge has three allwomen colleges: Newnham, New Hall and Lucy Cavendish. New Hall admitted male fellows 25 years ago.

Everest climber found dead in his sleep

BY STEPHEN FARRELL

ONE of Britain's most experienced mountaineers was found dead in his sleeping bag at Everest Base Camp yesterday, hours before a planned ascent of the peak's south face.

Mal Duff, 43, a member of the Territorial Army SAS, was leading seven men who had paid to join the expedition. A Mexican doctor, one of several believed to be with 12 expeditions currently at the base camp, 17,500ft above sea level, gave the causes of death as inhalation of vomit with secondary cardio-respiratory attack. A full post-mortern examination will be held.

Mr. Duit's widow, Liz, 40,

23.000ft on Everest, said yesterday that she would give up the sport. She last saw her husband a few days ago when he returned briefly to their home in Culross, Fife, and will fly to Kathmandu on Friday to

Three women in a boat: from the class of 1895

recover his body. "I'll never climb again. There is no one else I would want to climb with," she said last night. "While a job as a professional climber and expedition leader is a high-risk profession I never thought the mountains would get Malcolm. He was too good. To some extent I am grateful he died in his sleep and not by way of an accident or climbing

Mr Duff, who was born on an, experienced mountaineer, the slopes of Mount Kenya, is who six years ago became the the 148th person and tenth first British woman to reach Briton to die on the world's began in the 1920s. He had made more than 30

expeditions to the most difficult mountain ranges and 150 first ascents of peaks. He had



Duff: tested regularly

made half a dozen previous attempts on Everest without success. He ran his own expedition company, Ascent Travel. Andy MacNae, national of-

ficer of the British Mountaineering Council, said the circumstances of the death were extremely unusual. Both as a climber and territorial SAS member, he was required to have regular medicals and maintain high levels of fitness. Everyone is shocked. His experience on the great ranges was top notch," Mr MacNae

Rod Stables, a cardiologist at the Royal Brompton Hospital and member of the Royal Geographical Society's Expedition Medical Cell, climbed with Mr Duff on Everest in 1992. He said altitude was

main factor in his death, but may have been a factor by thickening the blood and thereby increasing the likelihood of blood clots.

"Although we do not know enough about the particular circumstances, it is incredibly unlikely for a man of Mal Duff's experience to die from altitude," he said. "Altitude can affect anybody at any time but the most likely thing is that he had an acute heart attack, which may have induced vomit."

Eunice Rennie, Mrs Duff's sister-in-law, said: "Malcolm was one of the bravest men I knew. He was heavily involved in bringing down so clumbers killed Himalayan mountains last

Widow wins back £4m

BY A STAFF REPORTER

AN ELDERLY widow, cut out of her husband's will after being accused of infidelity and plotting to murder him, has won back more than half the fortune he left to the RSPCA.

The settlement put an end to potentially explosive court action by Margie Richardson to wrest the entire bequest, believed to be about £8 million, from the RSPCA. Legal sources in Hong Kong, where the High Court has heard two days of submissions, believe that, under the provisional deal, the RSPCA will receive about £4 million, with the rest of the estate going to Mrs

Richardson.

becca, said afterwards: "For my mother's sake I'm glad it is over. As the settlement has not been finalised yet, I cannot comment further." The

RSPCA declined to comment. Leon Richardson, a businessman, financial commentator and dog-lover, left all his wealth to the charity in a will written nine days before he died, aged 77, in May 1995. It . came after a bitter break-up from his wife of 40 years in August 1996.

After returning from holiday in Cuba, the impotent Mr Richardson accused his wife of seeking sexual thrills from young gigolos, being a drug Mrs Richardson, who is addict and hiring things to wheelchair-bound, was not in murder him so she could get court, but her daughter, Re- his money. He called her a

"witch in league with the devij". Mrs Richardson, 77,

claimed his accusations were so wild and untrue that they proved her husband had lost his mind. She said he had written an earlier will leaving her everything and that the later will was invalid because of his mental illness.

The settlement has to be confirmed by Deputy Judge Edward Woolley. The trial was expected to last two weeks and would have plunged the family into the public eye. Love letters from Mr Richardson to his wife had already been read to the court by John Scott, OC, counsel for Mrs Richardson, to illustrate their "blissfully happy" marriage.

Boy aged 9 expelled for drugs offence

BY JOHN O'LEARY

A NINE-YEAR-OLD boy has been expelled from a primary school in Barnet, north London, after being found with drugs. He is believed to be the youngest pupil to be excluded from school for a drugs offence.

ian Naghten was suspended from Whitings Hill last month when he was found with a substance believed to be cannabis. Maureen McGoldrick, the head teacher, expelled him when the school returned after Easter. Governors and education authority representatives are meeting shortly to decide whether to endorse her decision.

A spokesman said yesterday that no appeal had been lodged by the boy's parents, although they were reported to be angry that they were not present when the police ques-tioned their son. No further police proceedings against him are expected.

The boy's father, also called lan, said he had always told his son not to touch drugs. The boy was said to have told his parents that he found the substance in class, but he told police that he found it on the breadboard at home.

Head teachers have appealed for the national curriculum to cover illegal drugs from the earliest years. Cannabis is the drug most frequently used by children, according to surveys.

Judge absolves transplant team of negligence

By RICHARD DUCE

THE PARENTS of a baby boy left brain-damaged during a heart transplant operation lost a legal battle against doctors yesterday when a judge ruled that he believed the couple would still have consented to surgery if they knew of the

Sir Maurice Drake cleared the surgical team at Harefield Hospital in Middlesex, including Sir Magdi Yacoub, of negligence in their treatment of Matthew Poynter, who was

left brain damaged. Kevin and Linda Poynter. the child's parents, had said that they would have refused consent for the operation in December 1987 had they been told of the risk, no matter how small. They objected to transplants on religious grounds and said it was only after pressure from medical staff that they agreed to the operation.

But the judge, in his hourlong ruling, said he believed the majority of, if not all, parents would still agree to surgery for their children if doctors told them the risk of such damage was a minimal I per cent. I fully appreciate that they will be unable to accept my finding in this matter," he said.

He said Mr Poynter, 40, and his wife, 38, from Biggles-wade, Bedfordshire, had lived for ten years with the "heartbreaking experience" of bring-

ing up a brain-damaged child.
"I don't at all doubt it's their present strong belief and conviction that had they been told of any risk they would have withheld consent. But I have

to consider whether that

would have been the position

in 1987." The judge accepted that "on a very narrow balance of probability" that Mr and Mrs Poynter were not warned of the specific risk of brain damage but would have been told had they asked. He ruled that, in Matthew's case, there was no duty - in view of the questions asked by the Poynters - to disclose that

risk. He held that their questions before surgery were directed at Matthew's quality of life if he survived. "I conclude that nothing that these parents asked made it known to any of the medical team that they were being asked to inform of the risks of serious permanent brain damage or disability." The judge rejected the cou-

ple's claims that doctors overstepped the mark and put unfair pressure on them for the surgery to proceed. Last night Mr Poynter, an

osteopath, and his wife, a former Jehovah's Witness, neither of whom was in court yesterday, refused to comment on the ruling. Tom Osborne, their solictor, said an appeal was being considered.

over the limit twice in two days

BY A STAFF REPORTER

problem was jailed for four months yesterday after repeatedly drinking and driving. David Hannam, 50, who is

facing bankruptcy, was banned from driving for ten years at Chester Magistrates' Court after being convicted on three drink-driving charges, the first of which was two weeks after he was back at the wheel following a three-year driving

ban for two offences. He was found twice in two days to be 312 times the legal limit. A month later, while on bail, he was three times over. On two occasions police found him asleep at the wheel and on the third he was discovered slumped against the car having drunk three quarter-size bottles of vodka. Bernard Byrne, for the pros-

ecution, said Dr Hannam. who treated victims of the IRA bomb in Warrington, began drinking when his marriage broke up. His problems were compounded when a col-league with whom he had an affair committed suicide when the relationship ended.

denied the third charge, but

Doctor was

A HOSPITAL consultant who left his job because of a drink

Guy Dodd, in mitigation. said Dr Hannam had resigned as consultant anaesthetist at Warrington Hospital and was £100,000 in debt. Dr Hannam admitted two charges of drink-driving. He

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A DNA "pawprint" from a cat has been used for the first time to convict a murderer. In October 1994 Shirley-Anne Duguay, 32. disappeared from her home on Prince Edward Island, on Canada's

eastern seaboard. Her car, stained with blood, was found after a few days, and three weeks later a jacket stained with the same blood was discovered. Inside the jacket the Royal Canadian Mounted Police found a lew white cat hairs. After her body was found in a shallow grave in May 1995 her

his parents and a white cat, an American shorthair named Snowball.

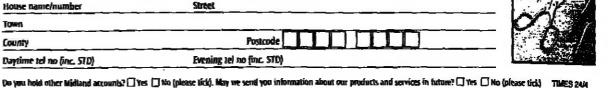
The Mounties asked geneticists at the US National Cancer Institute if it were possible to match the hairs found on the acket with those of Snowball. In Nature. Dr Stephen O'Brien and colleagues describe how the job was done

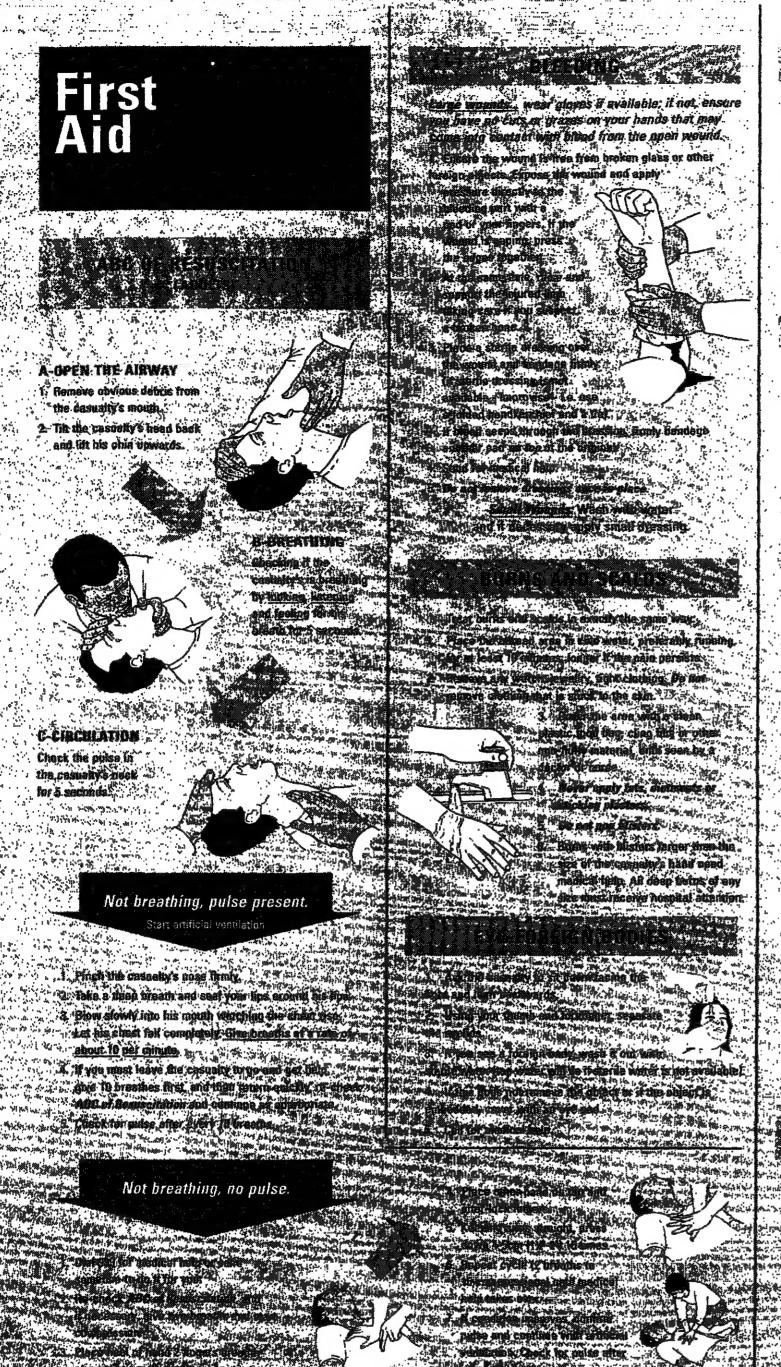
They extracted DNA from the root of one of the hairs found on the jacket. amplified it and produced a "catprint" based on ten regions of DNA commonly found in domestic cats. They took a blood sample from Snowball and made the

estimated by taking samples from ten-cats on Prince Edward Island and nine other cats from around America. The scientists concluded that the chances of the hair coming from a cat other than Snowball were 50 million to one.

This evidence was placed before the Supreme Court on Prince Edward Island and Beamish was convicted of seconddegree murder on July 19 last year. It is, the scientists believe, the first case of a murder conviction based on genetic evidence from a cat.

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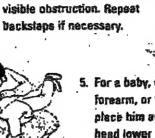
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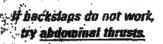
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Denis Compton as Brylcreem boy and footballer, toasting his 75th birthday at Lord's in 1993; and in his cricketing heyday. He won 78 England caps at cricket and 12 at football, as well as winning the FA Cup with Arsenal

Major leads the tributes to cavalier Compton

JOHN MAJOR led the tributes yesterday for Denis Compton, the cavalier of cricket and hero to generations of schoolboys, who died in a Windsor hospital after suffering a leg infection. He was 78.

Compton, who represented England at cricket and football, was a idol for many youngsters because of his supreme talent and flamboyant lifestyle, which often involved him arriving at matches still wearing his dinner jacket.

He was also a pioneer of the commercial era, being the first English sportsman to employ an agent. He became known as the "Brylcreem boy" because of his dvertisements for the hair lotion. before their county games yester-He played in 78 Tests and, in day, Mr Major said: There will be advertisements for the hair lotion.

Capped at cricket and football, Denis Compton embraced the spirit of sport as well as realising its commercial potential. John Goodbody writes

1947, his greatest season, scored a record 3.816 runs. He hit the winning stroke at the Oval against Australia in 1953 when England regained the Ashes after 19 years. He also won 12 caps for England in wartime football internationals and played outside-left in Arsenal's FA Cup winning team of 1950.

Cricket grounds across the country observed a minute's silence

ment surgery last November. Kim Smith, a friend, said yestera tear in many an eye at the loss of one of the greatest batsmen cricket has ever known. It wasn't just the game he played, it was the way he played it. Quite literally, he is irreplaceable and the memory of

His widow, Christine, said that her husband would have been very proud to have died on St George's Day "because he was very British

him and the way he played will last

for as long as the game of cricket

and very proud to be British". adorned the game and we should Compton, who lived at Burnham, Buckinghamshire, died at 1.45am at Princess Margaret Hospital having undergone an operation at the weekend. He had hip replace-

day: "it's a great shock to all the family as he seemed to be getting much better. He was in very good spirits on Tuesday, but suddenly started to go downhill."

Ted Dexter, the former England captain whose extrovert style made him a natural successor to Compton in the 1960s, said: "Denis was an inspiration to me. I saw him at Lord's as a schoolhoy while he was fielding on the boundary. He

mourn his passing." Speaking on Radio 5 Live. Sir

Colin Cowdrey, another contemporary, said that Compton combined a battling instinct with a smile. He added: "He charmed the crowds by the way he used to wave his bat in the air. He just captivated them. People would come away from a

match much happier just for the sight of him playing." Brian Close, a former England captain, said: "He was a great player and, in my estimation, a great man. He played cricket in an entertaining and enjoyable way -

David Gower, another former England captain, said: "Denis was one of those players with the skill, flair and courage to dominate and from his previous two. change matches - and the character to dominate off the field as well.

A stand at Lord's was named after Compton, who played for Middlesex from 1936 to 1957, but he never forgot his roots in Hendon, north London, Eighteen months ago he paid for and presented a trophy for the outstanding cricketer at Bell Lane JMI school, where he

He would have been in my top

three of our greatest batsmen of all

He was married three times. As well as his widow, he leaves two daughters, Victoria and Charlotte, from his last marriage and three

had been educated.

sons, Richard, Patrick and Brian.

Compton's brother. Leslie, was the Middlesex wicket-keeper for many years and also played centrefor Arsenal, winning two England caps in 1951.

Hilda Addington, the sister of Denis and Lestie, said: "Right from the start it was obvious that he was a natural. I remember people seeing him bat when he was just three or four years old and being impressed. Later on, we all used to go to watch him play. They were marvellous years for us all."

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Son spends pools win buying back father's posthumous George Cross

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A POOLS winner has spent all his prizemoney, and eight years of research, on recovering his father's George Cross. Donald Ellingworth, a Dunkirk veteran in his seventies, eventually traced the medal to dealer in Canada, from nom he bought it for £8,500.

Mr Ellingworth started his search for his father's medal in 1989. It had been sold, along with his other decorations, by his stepmother, Jessic, for £720 in 1968. "With the loss of the medal, my father had been, to a certain extent. forgotten about, but not any more." he said.

Chief Petty Officer Reg Ellingworth was awarded the George Cross posthumously after being blown up at the age of 42 while trying to defuse a bomb in 1940. His



Reg Ellingworth

son, who lives in Norwich, said: "Tracing the medals was not easy, but I was determined. I simply was not going to give up." He discovered the original purchaser, a dealer in Yorkshire, and contacted him. He then followed the trail to

dealer, I was told I could have the George Cross back at a price of £8.500. I agreed straight away."

The George Cross and the other medals arrived in the post and yesterday he gave them on loan to the Imperial War Museum, where they will go on display. He said it had been worth every penny: "I could not believe it when they arrived. I just stared at

The official account of how Chief Petty Officer Ellingworth earned his George Cross describes how he and a Lieutenant-Commander Ryan were trying to make safe a magnetic mine which was

hanging from its parachute in Dagenham, east London. It exploded, killing both of them. They had worked together on many assignments.

"The principal hazards of these mines was the fact that the clock of the bomb fuse was normally timed to explode the mine about 22 seconds after its fall," the citation says

"If it failed to do so, it could be restarted by the slightest movement, even a footfall. The amount of the clock already run off could not be known and, once it was restarted, the time for escape could not be more than a few

Mr Ellingworth said: "I was told my father and his colleague had to run 400 yards in ten seconds to get away. Even Linford Christic could not have managed



Donald Ellingworth with his father's decorations

School's out for the well-behaved

BY PAUL WILKINSON

be offered days out during term-time for good behaviour. Actions witnessed by staff such as voluntarily picking up litter, holding a door open for other pupils or getting reading books out on time will earn

ipervised trips. The scheme at Mandale middle school, Bradford, was suggested by the school council, which includes 16 children representing the school's 460 nine to 13-year-olds. Politeness and community spirit will earn credits that add up towards the days out.

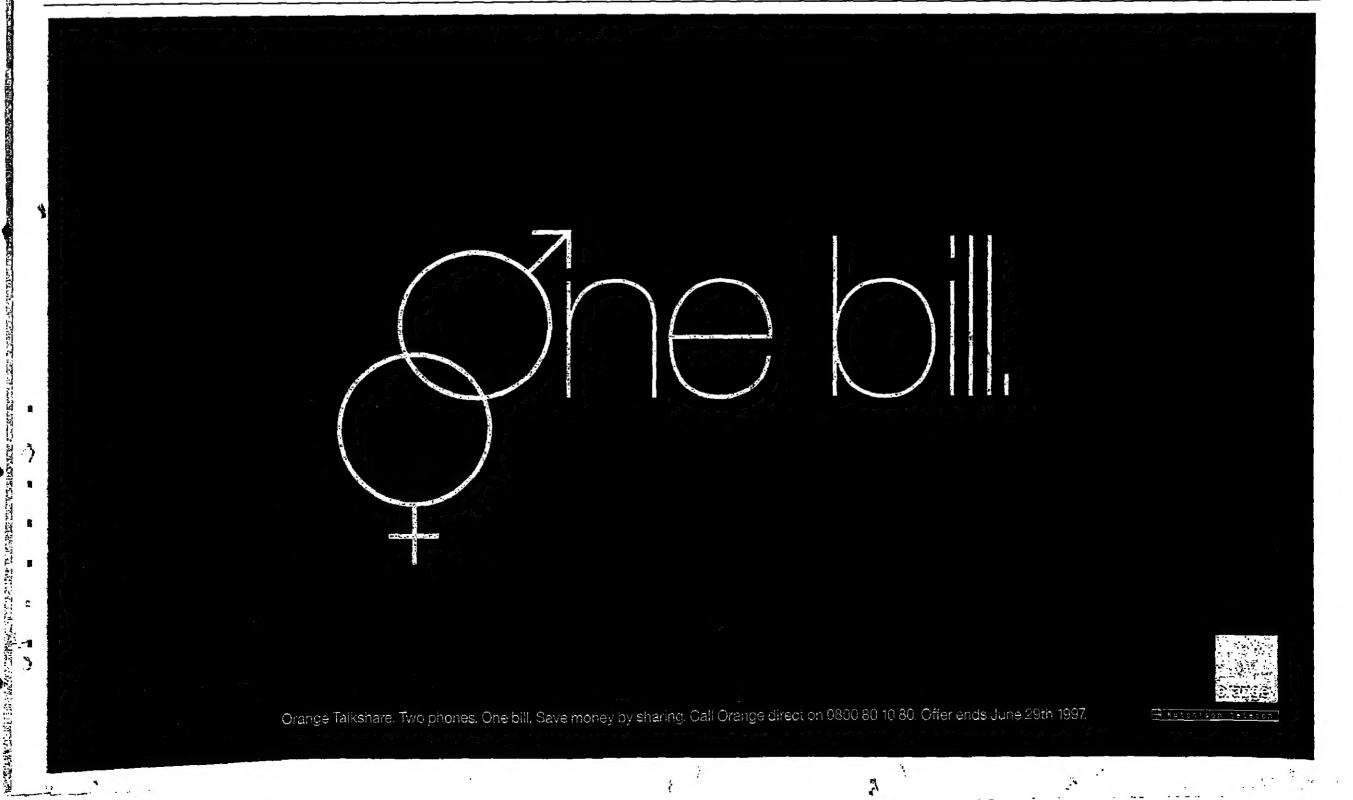
Michael Joyce, the head-master, said: "We thought that, while a lot of children got rewarded for academic excellence, children who came in every day and simply behaved

SCHOOLCHILDREN are to ward. The children came up be offered days out during with ideas like McDonald's vouchers, visits to the ice-rink and a non-uniform day. I suggested we could reward them with visits or a nature ramble with a picnic in the summer, and the children

were very keen. Nick Seaton, chairman of the Campaign for Real Education, the parents' pressure group, said that treats for what should be normal behavfour was wrong, "It is handing over power to the pupils and giving them the wrong lessons

for the future."

But Mr Joyce said: "In industry and commerce. workers are rewarded with things like shares in the company. Why shouldn't children be rewarded for



Treasured landscape devastated by fire



A fireman taking a break from fighting the fire that swept a thousand acres of heathland in west Cornwall, the most recent and devastating of outbreaks in the West Country over the past two months

By NICK NUTTALL

AND MICHALL HORNSBY ONE of Europe's most important landscapes was the latest casualty yesterday of the dry weather as fire swept through a thousand acres of heathland in west Cornwall.

Firefighters, tackling another big blaze in the county, worked through the night and most of yesterday trying to bring the flames, between St Ives and St Just, under control. Officers suspect that the blaze, which caused a pall of smoke visible several miles away, might have been started deliberately and have launched an investigation.

hundred firefighters on the Isle of Wight were yesterday tackling a fire that engulied 200 acres of woodland at Brighstone Forest. The fire was in an area of woodland that is one of the last English homes of the red squirrel and which harbours buzzards and lizards. The island's stretched fire service at one stage took the rare step of calling all full-time officers to duty, and four fire appliances were taken over by ferry from Portsmouth to provide relief

in the event of other incidents. The blaze in Cornwall is the third huge fire to hit the West Country in recent weeks. Two square miles of Dartmoor near Bovey Tracey were dev-astated in one incident and several At the same time, more than a square miles of heathland at Post-

bridge, in the heart of the moor, in an earlier one. Fire brigades across the South and South-West have hardly seen a day go by in the past four weeks when crews have not been tackling grass, forest and heath fires. Some of the incidents have been linked with swaling, traditional burning of heath and moor, which has got out of hand

because of the dry conditions. Others, however, have been linked with accidents in which careless visitors have dropped lighted matches or cigarettes. But arson has not been ruled out in many of the outbreaks that began in March. The latest fire in west Cornwall happened in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, home to an ancient field system and several Sites

of Special Scientific Interest. A spokes man for Penwith District Council said yesterday: "It has one of the largest concentrations of scheduled ancient monuments in western Europe."

service, said: "There were reports of fire being seen in three separate places. so it could be other than accidental."

At the height of the blaze about 120 firemen and 30 fire appliances and support vehicles were involved. Several isolated farm buildings were evacuated for a time as a precaution. Water had to be pumped from a stream and taken to the area in fire brigade vehicles each capable of carry-ing 2,000 gallons. The fire was brought under control by the afternoon.

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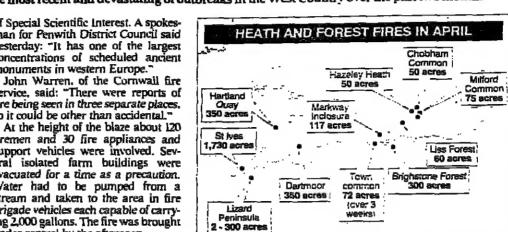
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Apology to end tale of **Beatrix Botanist**

By TIM JONES

MORE than 100 years after her quest for recognition as a by a male-dominated society, Beatrix Potter will receive an

apology today.

Long before she wrote The Tale of Peter Rabbit, Potter had become an authority on jungi. In April 1897 she submitted a paper. The Germination of the Spores of Agaricineae. to the Linnaean Society of London. Two weeks later she requested permission for the paper to be withdrawn, claiming she wished to do

more research. Although this was partly supported by the fact that, later that year, she prepared many highly magnified studies of spore development, the truth seems to be that she was wounded by the way in which her work was received.

John Marsden, executive secretary of the Linnaean Society. said: "Her paper had to be refereed by two people, one of whom was Sir William Thistleton-Dyer. Although he apparently knew next to nothing about botany, he became the director of Kew Gardens. so was highly respected." He scorned her ideas, which are now accepted, and suggested that she should go back to school before trying to teach

Fortunately for generations of children, she became convinced there was no future for her in botany and turned to drawing pictures of rabbit families for her young cousins.

Dr Marsden said that, at

way in which she had been

today's meeting, recognition of her work and a form of apology would be made for the

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A man has appeared in court charged with causing death by dangerous driving after his car, which was under tow, demolished a bus shelter;

over death

killing a six-year-old girl.

Stephen Duffield, for the prosecution, told Newcastle Crown Court there was a steering defect that Paul Scrafton. 28. of Sunderland, must have known about. "It is dangerous to drive if it is obvious there is a defect that could cause a risk in controlling the car. If a death is caused that becomes death by dangerous driving." Mr. Scrafton denies the charge.

Graves damaged

Vandals have smashed about cemetery in Dublin, burial place of Irish leaders such as Daniel O'Connell and Michael Collins. None of the most celebrated graves was damaged, but stone Celtic crosses dating from more than 100 years ago were broken. The cost of the repairs has been estimated at £150.000.

Acting up

Actors working in regional subsidised theatres have won an 18.4 per cent pay increase. taking their minimum to £225 a week this year and £250 next vear. After a long dispute Equity, the actors' union, reached the deal with the Theatre Management Association. The subsistence allowance for actors working away from home will also be raised.

Early warning

Karen Dunbar, from Anfield. Liverpool, called the fire brigade at 3.30am when she could not understand why her smoke alarm was going off. Firefighters found her neighbours' house ablaze and broke in to move the sleeping O'Neill family to safety.

Army trial delay

The jury hearing corruption charges against Major John Ewart, 51, of Dilton Marsh. Wiltshire, who was responsible for ordering food for the British garrison in Berlin, has heen discharged at Southwark Crown Court. A new trial will begin today.

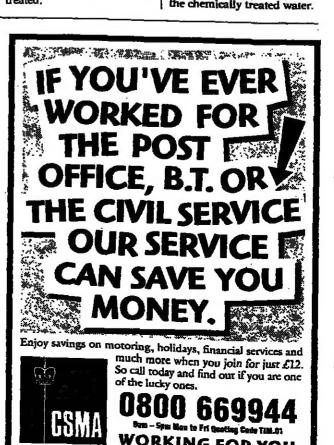
Guiding touch



Wordsley, West Midlands, who has been deaf since birth, became the first Guide with a hearing impairment to be awarded a radio communication badge. She deciphers messages by placing her fin-gers on a Morse key.

Capital offence

The new Judgment Day ride at the London Dungeon was halted while staff rescued a goldfish from a canal that carries people in barges through a mock execution scene. A practical joker is thought to have put the fish in

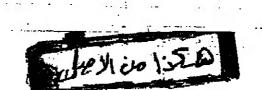






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Fleeing military destroyed anything that could not be looted, says conservation worker

Civil war forces Briton to abandon rare rhinos

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A BRITISH woman who has spent more than 13 years trying to save the world's rarest mammal, the northern white rhino, from extinction has been forced to leave the animals to their fate because of the civil war in Zaire.

Kes Hillman Smith, who helped to build a strong antipoaching service in the Garamba National Park in northern Zaire, said she feared poachers now had the upper hand. Fuel, vehicles and radio equipment have been looted or destroyed and two spotter planes used to coordinate the patrols were flown to Kenya to prevent them from being stolen.

Dr Hillman Smith and her husband, Fraser Smith, left for the sake of their daughter, Chyulu, 11, and son. Doungu, 8, after missionaries and other Westerners fled months ago. Dr Hillman Smith, in London yesterday to call for an international effort to save the animals, said they had been trying to monitor the last 30 northern whites from Nairobi.

Monitoring had proved impossible since February, when anti-government forces occupied the park. The last sighting of a rhino was in January. Poachers, who are well armed. killed two rhinos last year and the civil war was likely to have intensified their efforts, Dr Hillman Smith said.

"In the long term I am optimistic. But there are immediate needs that are going.



Kes Hillman Smith: "In the long term I am optimistic"

to be very expensive to get the project going again, i just hope we have not lost too many rhinos."

Exactly how many rhinos may have been killed is unknown. Five of the animals have had radio tracking devices inserted into their horns as part of a pioneering experi-



ment. But Dr Hillman Smith said the loss of the radio equipment meant it was likely that no one was listening for the animals. The difficulties facing the

park come after a long period of civil unrest in the country. The main damage to the park was caused by government troops and mercenaries fleeing before the rebels moved in. The lawlessness of the fleeing military was the biggest problem ... anything that could not be looted was destroyed," Dr

Hillman Smith said.

The northern white rhino is a sub-species related to the southern white rhing, which is found in large numbers in South Africa. In 1980 there were several hundred in Sudan but, by 1983, only two

made. The war in that country had given poachers the oppor-tunity to hunt the animals for their horns, which are exported to Yemen and the Far East.

in 1963 there were an estimated 1,300 northern white rhinos in Zaire but rebel forces have led to numbers falling to a few hundred. Their numbers have since fallen as low as 15. By leaving Garamba, Dr Hillman Smith has left behind her life's work and a group of animals that she can distinguish individually from mark-ings, the shape of their horns,

and notches and hairs on their All have names, such as Curly Horn, Notch and Noel, a rhino born in November 1987, but only discovered at Christmas. Dr Hillman Smith said that the threat from the unrest and loss of the antipoaching patrols also threatened 11,000 elephant, 25,000 buffalo and "the only giraffe in

Zaire". Dr Hillman Smith, who graduated from the University of Leicester in 1975, juined the World Wide Fund for Nature in 1983 to carry out a survey of rhinos in Sudan and Zaire. She met her husband, who also works in the park, while in Africa. She is a qualified pilot and flew many times over the park during antipoaching operations.

Mr Smith said that their

aircraft had often been fired on by poachers armed with automatic weapons and hand grenades. They flew a Cessna 206 provided by the Franklurt Zoological Museum and a 1947 Piper Cub.



Dr Hillman Smith and helpers tagging rhinos in the Garamba National Park

First-time balloonist sets his sights on Branson

By OLIVER AUGUST AND DAREH GREGORIAN

SCOTTISH landowner challenged Richard Branson yesterday in the race to be first a balloon. James Manclark, 57. who has never flown a balloon, said he hoped to take off at the same time as Mr Branson starts his third attempt this winter.

I'm a man who believes that luck is very important to anything that happens in life," Mr Manclark said, "It's best to back a lucky man, and I am a lucky man."

Mr Branson welcomed the challenge. "I do wish him luck. He needs it," he said.

Mr Branson's last attempt in January ended 17 hours and 400 miles from where it began in Marrakesh, Morocco. He said his team would try to "get it right this time. We are now confident that a world-beating balloon can be built in time to bring the last great aviation record to a United Kingdom-

Eight balloons in all will take part in the race for the aviation first, including the American Steve Fossett, who set world records for distance and endurance in his failed attempt last year.

Mr Manclark, of Haddington, East Lothian, will have Andrew Elson, an experienced high-altitude balloonist, as his co-pilor. They will be flying in a balloon similar to the one used by Mr Branson's main challengers, the Breitling Or-biter from Switzerland. The balloon, a third of the size of Mr Branson's, is being built by Cameron Balloons, a Brit-ish manufacturer.

Mr Manclark is no stranger to challenges. He learnt to fly a Tiger Moth as a 16-year-old at Harrow School and still practises stunt flying over the Scottish Highlands. He was one of the first people to cross the Firth of Forth in a glider and he competed in the 1968 and 1972 Olympics in the luge and bobsleigh events. He later competed in powerboat rac-

ing.
Mr Manclark, who plans to begin his trip from Spain or called his latest endea our "a high-tech adventure".

Vitamins aid Alzheimer's

ALZHEIMER'S disease sufferers can be given seven extra months of mobility and physical health by taking vitamin E or selegiline, a drug used to treat Parkinson's disease (lan Murray writes).

Although the treatment does not have any effect on the patient's mental condition, a two-year clinical trial has found that patients given one or other of these drugs showed 25 per cent less deterioration the disease it is not clear

and cook. Reporting in The New England Journal of Medicine, the researchers say patients receiving both or one of the treatments did better than those on a placebo, while there was a 13 per cent reduction in the number going into a nursing home among people taking vitamin E.

Because the study involved only people who were already showing severe symptoms of

slow down the degenerative advance if the treatments are taken at an earlier stage.

The researchers, from 35 American centres specialising in ageing, say that nobody should take the drugs without careful medical supervision. Selegiline should not be taken with other drugs such as antidepressants or narcotics. The large doses of vitamin E needed to make the treatment

Pollution may protect against asthma BY IAN MURRAY MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

A GERM-FREE lifestyle and the modern Western diet are largely responsible for the threefold increase in asthma cases among children during the past 30 years, a leading environmental medicine spe-cialist said yesterday.

Infections in early childhood and high air pollution levels could build immunity to asthma, Anthony Seaton, of Aberdeen University, said in a lecture to the Royal thing about westernisation that seems to higher rate of childhood infections in dence of allergy and asthma.

promote asthma and other allergic diseases," he said. A diet rich in unsaturated fats could stimulate the production of the antibody that causes allergy. Low levels of fruit and vegetable consumption meant that people absorbed too little of vitamins C and E, weakening their resistance to inhaled

Research showed that the risk of hay fever in children declined with increasing family size, with the older children more likely to suffer than younger ones.

larger families protected against asthma and hay fever because it encouraged the development of anti-infection cells and inhibited production of the asthma inflammation cell. "If infections protect against asthma it is plausible that air pollution might do so as well," Professor Seaton said. There was clear evidence that the prevalence of the disease increased as pollution decreased.

He discounted central heating, poorly ventilated homes, the house mite and a growth in the number of cats and dogs as

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Royal backing for plan to conserve 2,000 sacred sites

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh have lent their support to a project to conserve more than 2,000 sacred sites in Britain over the next five years. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George
Carey, also supports the
Sacred Land project, which is
sponsored by the World Wide
Fund for Nature and involves different faiths and leading environmental organisations throughout Britain.

Sacred sites could help to recapture that vital sense of sacred gardens.
The Prince of Wales, a reverence" and encourage a sense of perspective about the place of human beings in the created order. Dr Carey said. He launched the project at St Mary's Church, Willesden. north London, where an annual pilgrimage to a well believed to have miraculous healing properties has been revived by the vicar, the Rev lan Booth, and is expected to attract hundreds of worshippers in July.

The aim of the Sacred Land project, which covers the entire country, is to bring to public notice the thousands of sacred sites throughout Brit-

pilgrimage routes and wells, shrines and monuments. Many are pre-historic and pre-Christian

The project organisers want to create new places "for reflection and renewal" within towns and cities as well as the countryside. Over the next five years, they will work with local communities, religious and conservation groups to reopen ancient pilgrimage routes, create new ones, restore old shrines and develop

committed Anglican who also respects the place of other faiths in British society, said: "I share wholeheartedly the belief which inspires this project that there are countless holy places and parts of our landscape, urban and rural, which have been as sacred to the people of Britain down the centuries as have the much better-known holy places of China, India and the Holy Land to their

The Archbishop of Canter-bury said it was important that the connections between

with environmental issues. and the environmental cause is likely to fail if it does not draw deeply upon the spiritual and moral resources of the great world religions."

The Duke of Edinburgh said: "Whatever the nature of the relationship between man and God, the belief that the Almighty was responsible for the origin of all living things on this earth suggests that believers have a direct obligation to care for his creation and especially for what we call the natural environment."

Sites supported by the project include a Muslim graveyard on a small patch of heathland north of the Wey canal near Woking, Surrey, the resting place for 25 Indian Muslim soldiers killed in the First World War until their bodies were removed to nearby Brookwood cemetery. There will be the creation of a "Path of Life" to what will be the only public open space on a neglected 1930s estate in West Withington.

Sacred Britain, the official guide to the Sacred Land project (Martin Palmer and Nigel Palmer, with a foreword by David Bellamy: published by Judy Piatkus: £25)



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By Dalya Alberge

A 21-YEAR-OLD student at the Royal Academy of Music in London has been put on the books of Hollywood's most important film music agency.

Michael Csanyi-Wills, from

London, who is studying piano and composition, has been taken on by the Gorfaine-Schwartz Agency, whose Oscar-winning composers have written

scores for some of the industry's greatest blockbusters. Among those nandled by the agency are John Williams, best known for his contributions to such films as Star Wars. Jaws and Schindler's List; Elmer Bernstein. whose repertoire includes The Magnificent Seven and The Great Escape, and Hans Zimmer, whose work features on The Lion King and

Driving Miss Daisy. Cheryl Tiano, of Gorfaine-Schwartz. said: "We are helping Michael with his career." The agency decided to take him on after listening to a recording of his music. It offered to try him out on a script for a short film.

Mr Csanyi-Wills does not come from a musical family; his mother is a theatre designer and his father a businessman. Composing comes so easily that he wrote the required 20 minutes of music for the film in two days; he has just sent it to Los Angeles.

Gorfaine-Schwartz find, Michael Kamen, a composer whose box-office successes include the Die Hard and Lethal Weapons films. They met when Mr Csanyi-Wills gave a piano

recital at a friend's house. Mr Kamen said: "I come across a lot of talented kids and I come across ambitious kids and eager-to-be-a-filmcomposer kids. Rarely are they in the

Positive talk could boost the economy by £5bn a year

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

DEPRESSION is costing the economy 55 billion a year in lost production as five million sufferers take 155 million days off work, campaigners said

Launching an initiative to raise awareness about the scale of the problem and the need to help sufferers, the Depression Alliance said that the stresses of modern life were particularly affecting

There is pressure on children from the very beginning," Rodney Elgie, the alliance's spokesman, said. "First their school pressures them because they want good results for the league tables. Then parents want good A-level results to ensure they go to university and then they put on the pressure to get good degrees

so they get a good job. Then they get a good degree and still fail to get a job. They are burdened with stu-

reason to feel depressed." Children as young as eight could suffer, he said. "Society has to realise it is a real illness as much as diabetes or tuberculosis. We have to move away from the idea that it is degrading. All that does is end in selfmedication with alcohol or

drugs." The alliance staged a conference yesterday to look at ways of helping people to improve their self-esteem. "We all have bad days when we get fed up, but most of us pull through it. Depressives slip into a downward spiral of negative thinking that it is incredibly difficult to escape

The Royal College of Psychologists said: When people are acutely depressed it is sometimes only possible to help them with drugs to begin with, but after they are showing signs of improvement then the best treatment is to start



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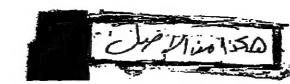
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Michael Foot's smart new look

Valerie Elliott- page 13

THE pupils of the Royal High School in Edinburgh yesterday voted to reopen their old school building (Gillian Bowditch writes).

The old school was converted in the late 1970s at a cost of £3 million in anticipation of devolutuion and stands ready to house the nation's first parliament. Yesterday the Scottish Nationalist Party, which would remove the dust sheets from the deserted benches, re-ceived 46 per cent of the vote in the school's mock election held at the new school at Davidson's Mains.

Of the 460 pupils who chose to yote. the nationalists polled 212. The Liberal Nationalists win Edinburgh school poll

our polled 93, and the Conservatives booths in the business studies classroom

The SNP, which has wooed the youth vote with a promise to enfranchise 16-year-olds, polled the most votes in all age groups. Instead of pupil candidates the real candidates in the highly marginal seat of Edinburgh West, where Lord James Douglas-Hamilton is defending a Tory majority of 876, were invited to address the senior school. Gathered beside the makeshift polling

yesterday, a small group of senior pupils watch the third and fourth year cast their votes. One who intends to be among the first MSPs (Member of a Scottish Parliament) is Kevin Lang, 17, senior vice-captain and prime mover behind the mack election held this week. He says his interest in politics was stimulated by a school election in 1992 when he discovered he had most in

common with the Liberal Democrats.

"I'm a strong advocate of a Scottish parliament and I support proportional representation. I like the Liberal Democrais honesty in admitting taxes have to be raised to get a better education and health service," he says. I would love to stand for a Scottish parliament. We don't know what Tony Blair's Scottish parliament will offer, but I would be in lawour of a tax-raising parliament."
Simon MacLean. 17, has been a member of the SNP for six months. "I

think Tony Blair treats Scotland with total disdain. I think he sees it as a place which gives a guaranteed vote for Labour but I don't think that will always be the case. The SNP is always going to be hampered by the electoral system but it is the only party that can deliver meaningful change for Scotland."

"Labour has never been given a chance. The Labour people voted for last time is different from Labour now," says Caroline McLeod, "I agreed more with

John Smith but I've always wanted to support Labour. The Tories are wreck-ing the country."
"I don't like Tony Blair. He's cheesy,"

says Jenna Heinemeir. "But I would vote for him just to get the Tories out. John Major looks like the schoolboy who got bullied at school and will always be bullied by everyone else."

Despite their fervour, they are sympa-thetic to their peers who have no interest in politics. "Politics is very alien to a lot of young folk," says Kevin. "Especially Scots," says Jenna. "We've always lived think politics: it's English, it's Conserva-tive and it has nothing to do with us."

Cool appraisal of policy triumphs over youthful idealism as pupils join the classroom hustings

'Blair has made his party electable again'



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Highbury Fields School, sup-ports Labour. She lives in a three-bedroom council terrace house. Her mother, a housing personnel officer, also supports Labour. Her father is a computer

engineer. I am from a working-class background and Labour are for the working class," she says. "I have been brought up under a Conservative government and I am very disillusioned. We do need a change."

Louise admires Tony Blair: "He has realised that a totally Left socialist party hasn't got in power for the last 18 years." But her favourite Labour politician is Tony Benn, after seeing him address a public meeting in her constituency last week. "He

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, was 13 when he took to the hustings at Durham Choristers School as a Tory candidate in 1966. Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, was a Labour supporter at Harrow School during the 1970 general election. The results of this year's national schools mock election campaign will be broadcast by the BBC's Newsround at 5.15pm tomorrow.

didn't talk to us as though we were below him - he talked to us as though we were his equal." Louise believes that Labour's strongest policies are education and health. School class sizes are too big. In a class of 40 children there is not enough time for a teacher to give her attention to everyone." The one Labour idea she condemns is curfews for the young. "I don't know if it is the 1)-year-olds committing crime. It's probably the older people

Jenny Haydock, 16, of Westminster School, supports Labour. Her father mother a housewife. They live in a detached, three-bedroom country house. The mood of the country seems to be pro-change," she says.
The Labour Party provides the most realistic option to the Conservatives." She admires Margaret Thatcher. "I am not sure I entirely agree with everything she did but you can't fail to admire her charisma and ability as a politician."

As for Mr Blair: "He has made the Labour Party electable." Jenny says: "I am pro-Europe but equally I don't believe Britain should be doing anything which is not in its own interests. I like the idea of a single currency if the economics of it can be sorted out." The forgotten issues of this election are the environment and homelessness, she believes.

Katherine Hardcastle, 16, from Latymer School, has just joined the Amnesty International. Her mother is a teacher and her father a lecturer; politically, both are on the Centre-Left. They live in a four-bedroom semi-detached house.

'I am quite enthusiastic about new Labour. Tony Blair is very charis-matic." She is happy with Labour's policy of turning grant-maintained schools into foundation schools by giving local authorities some influence over them. "I don't think they are in the business of closing down good schools." As for Labour's proposal to have parental ballots to end selection, she said: "It's fair." Even the Labour's threat of compulsory homework is welcomed.

She admires Glenda Jackson, who she says is "very committed and hard working and well-informed". Labour's strongest policy, she believes, is allowing councils to spend more on building new homes. "It will put an end to local authorities having to send families into temporary accommodation which is really expensive and demoralising and degrading."

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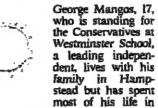


Westminster School: George Mangos (C), top: Jenny Haydock (Lab); Jonathan Monroe (LD)

Highbury Fields: Ananda Kelly (C), top. Louise Meade (Lab): Sirin Geemen (LD)

Latymer School: Thomas Ableman (C), top: Katherine Hardcastle (Lab); Charlotte Stone (LD)

'I take the Ken Clarke line. I'm very pro-EMU'



Greece, where his father - who "started from a very working-class background" — is in shipping. Mangos is British, but says his political convictions "were forged when I was in Greece, a place where trades unions had, and still have, too much power. My family was always in-volved in the equivalent of the Conservative party.

He distrusts Tony Blair: "He's just too glossy, too shiny to be real. He also has these links with the trades unions which he tries to mask and which will resurface if he is elected." the Ken Clarke line. I'm very, very pro-EMU. Nationalist blindness is preventing Britain from joining" George does not believe in a federal

Who might lead the party if the Tories lose? "I would hate to see Redwood or Howard take over. I do not support the Criminal Justice Bill though Jack Straw's no better." Conservativism is not fashionable at school. "I get a lot of flak. They think I'm old before my time. But there are a lot of hidden Tories at

Westminster. Ananda Kelly, 17, the Conservative candidate at Highbury Fields, the combined sixth forms of Highbury Fields girls' and Highbury Grove boys' comprehensives, is standing more with his head than his heart. The school is in a Labour heartland. "I guess," he says, "I'm the only person willing to stand for the Tories. thought it's an opportunity to get

The Lib Dems are more his taste. So how does he mask his lack of Tory conviction? "Basically we're on the offensive. One of the reasons I ran for

enge." His family isn't political. His father, a teacher, is a liberal. His mother, a reflexologist, abstains. He hasn't got any Tory idols: "I think John Major's a pretty cool bloke, he's quite witty. But I guess I don't actually admire him."

Defintely no Labour heroes. "I

really don't like Tony Blair. I can't stand him. Very smug, smarmy smile. I think the Labour Party are prostituting themselves."

Kelly is more pro-Europe and prosingle currency than anti, but he favours a referendum. His own campaign secret weapon is his mate Wesley, the school hunk. "I've persuaded him to wear blue swimming trunks on polling day. I guess that's exploitation, but we're facing an

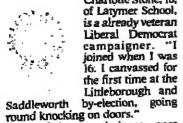
uphill struggle."
Thomas Ableman is, at 15, the youngest candidate in the elections at grammar school. He is a true-blue Tory. "I've been interested in politics for years. I was writing essays about Margaret Thatcher when I was eight. So when I heard there was going to be an election. I volunteered. Why Tory? "I'm a Conservative because I believe in Conservative ideals. I fully agree with the government line on Europe. I think the Government are right to wait and see before deciding on a single currency. I am pro-European. I admire Kenneth Clarke."

Does he have any dislikes of the current Conservative strategy? "I dislike a lot of the law and order policies that have been introduced recently. But generally I'd say I'm a staunch Conservative.

The Labour party is absurd. Mr Blair has led an unprincipled dash for power. Mr Blair is someone who is willing to tailor his policies to get elected." His mother, he says, is absolutely ashamed that I'm standing as a Tory. My father is

JOE JOSEPH

'Labour and the Tories are too close, and both steal from the Lib Dems'



Saddleworth by-election, going Her father, a designer, once stood as a Liberal Democrat councillor and her mother, with whom and I appreciate it. But I do agree

she lives in a council flat, is "a staunch Conservative. I don't look at the party's policies as in what will benefit my home life. I look at what I believe in." She likes the Liberal Democrat

"honesty". "Tony Blair says education, education, education, but he is not willing to say it is so important they will ask for more tax for it." Should selective schools like her own survive? "I am very grateful

for the education I have received

that grammar schools are not good for the majority of children." replace Paddy will Ashdown, when the time comes? am not going to answer that. I

admire him too much." Jonathan Monroe, 16, has found time out from his seven A levels to campaign for the Liberal Democrats at Westminster School. He is heir to a long Liberal tradition. "My dad's a card-carry-

ing Liberal Democrat, my grandfa-

ther was a Liberal candidate in

Beckenham and my great-grandfather was a Liberal attorneygeneral."

Monroe, who lives with his parents in a north London semi. has recently discovered new Labour does not tell the truth. What really blew it was when they said they would keep to Tory Treasury figures when they knew that meant cuts in health and education."

Education policies are another target. "Conservative policies on grammar schools would lead to a

secondary modern in every town and that would be unacceptable. Letting the existing grammar schools carry on is yet another

example of Labour hypocrisy." The most popular school campaign issue is legalisation of soft drugs. My personal belief is that cannabis and Ecstacy should both be legalised and available at the chemists."

be a Liberal Democrat candidate to help improve her knowledge of

politics, one of her four A levels at Highbury Fields. "I don't like any of the parties wholeheartedly but the Liberal Democrats are are the best of a bad bunch."

She lives with her Turkish mother and brother in a council flat near the school. "I think the Labour Party have strayed too far towards the Tory Party and they are both stealing a lot of the Liberal Demo-

Only the Lib Dems would make more people feel involved in democracy. "You could say voting in the election is a wasted vote because a lot of constituencies are safe seats. I agree with the PR

Does she criticise the decision by Tony Blair, Islington's most famous resident, to send his children across London to school? "There is only one Catholic school in Islington and he wanted the best for his child. I would want the same."

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'Time for change' is key sentiment among voters

Opinion poll finds 'feel good' factor counts for little, says Peter Riddell

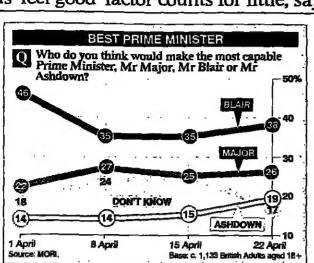
MORE than a quarter of the public believe it is time for a change at this election, even though "the Government has built strong foundations for according to a MORI poll for

The Times.

This is the single most worrying finding for the Tories in view of the strength of the economy and the improve-ment in the "feel good" factor. It indicates that many voters are determined to get rid of the Tories almost regardless of other influences.

Nearly half the public accepts that the Government has built strong foundations for economic recovery. Some 20 per cent believe the Tories deserve to win, while 28 per cent think that "at this election it is time for a change". A third of Tory waverers who may change their minds take this view, as do nearly a half of those who have switched from Tory to Labour.

By contrast, just 43 per cent think the Government has



The poll, taken on Tuesday.

shows that 26 per cent of

people may change their

mind. This is an unusually

high proportion for this late

stage of the campaign. This

total includes three in ten of

Tory supporters, but less than

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failed to build a strong economy, of whom 38 per cent believe it is time for a change. At the 1992 election, less than two-fifths thought the Government had built strong foundations for economic recovery, but a mere 16 per cent believed this and thought it was time for a change.

Liberal Democrats. By con-trast, 23 per cent of Labour waverers may switch to the Tories and 32 per cent to the Liberal Democrats. Tony Blair has maintained

a big lead over John Major as the leader the public regards as the most capable Prime Minister. Some 38 per cent mention Mr Blair, against 26 per cent for Mr Major. These figures are almost opposite of five years ago when Mr Major led Neil Kinnock throughout the campaign. The poli also suggests that turnout may be lower than

may change their mind, 28 per cent of wavering Tories

say they might switch to

Labour and 25 per cent to the

from 64 to 68 per cent, but this compares with 71 per cent at the same stage in 1992. The number of people who think Labour has the best team of leaders has fallen

from two-fifths to a third since

five years ago. The number

saying they are certain to vote

has risen over the past week

If the Conservatives lose the General Election and John Major stands down as party leader, which one of these politicians would you like to see lead the Conservative party? John Redwood 7% Michael Portillo Gillian Shephard Stephen Dorrell 2% Malcom Rifland 2% William Hague 1 1% Michael Howard 11 1% lan Lang 🚦 1% None of these

WHO SHOULD LEAD THE CONSERVATIVES?

the beginning of April. but this is well up on the Tories at one-fifth. Labour is nearly two-to-one ahead of the Tories on which party has the best policies, while it has a threeto-one margin on which party is "the most clear and united about its policies". Indeed, the Liberal Democrats have

"clear and united". Particularly danning for the Tories is that just twofifths of its supporters think it

double the Tory score on

is the most clear and united

about its policies. MORI interviewed a representative quota of 1.133 adults at 85 sampling points across Britain, All interviews were conducted on a face-to-face basis on April 22. Data were weighted to match the profile of the population and voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (6 per cent), are undecided (9 per cent) or who refuse to

name party (4 per cent).

Heseltine and Clarke head leadership list

MICHAEL Heseltine and Kenneth Clarke are well ahead of any other candidates as favourites to succeed John Major if the Tories lose the election in a week's time.

The latest MORI poll shows that, of the other likely runners. Michael Portillo has been gaining ground on John Redwood among Tory sup-porters, though the latter is strongly favoured by former MORI showed interview-

ees a list of ten likely contenders and asked which of them people would like to see as Conservative leader on the assumption that the Tories lost the election and Mr Major stood down as leader. Such questions are, in part. measures of which politicians are known by the public, but they also indicate which leading Tories have made an

impact during the campaign. Among the public general-. Mr Heselrine comes top at 20 per cent, followed by Mr. Clarke on 15 per cent: nobody else scores double figures. In third place is Mr Redwood on 7 per cent, just ahead of Mr Portillo and Gillian Shep-

hard, both on 5 per cent.
As revealing is the balance of support among declared Tories. As many as 30 per cent would prefer Mr Heseltine to succeed Mr Major, if he stands down, with Mr Clarke second on 13 per cent.

Mr Portillo attracts stronger support among committed Tories on 10 per cent and his support among this group has risen from 7 per cent in May last year. By contrast, the number mentioning Mr Redwood has declined from II to 6 per cent over the period. Of the other possible run-

ners. Mrs Shephard attracts 4 per cent support among Tory supporters, just ahead of Willam Hague on 3 per cent. Michael Howard and Stephen Dorrell are at 2 per cent. with Malcolm Rifkind at just l per cent.

Among former Tory supporters, while Mr Heseltine is ahead, on 24 per cent, Mr Redwood comes second at 16 per cent with Mr Clarke third

IN BRIEF

GP poll is Millionaire in assault unhealthy on the euro for Tories

POLLS suggest that Tories have lost the support of nearly half the GPs who backed them in the last election and that only 12 per cent of nurses will vote for them (Ian Murray

A poll for General Practitioner published today found that 32 per cent of doctors intended to vote Labour compared with 23 per cent in 1992. Tory support had fallen from 40 to 21 per cent, with Liberal Democrats rising slightly from 25 to 27 per cent.

Only is per cent of the 250 doctors polled were satisfied with government health policy. A poll for Nursing Stan-dard found that 40 per cent of 15 per cent Liberal Democrat.

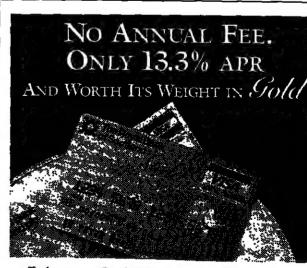
THE millionaire businessman Paul Sykes will start a El million advertising campaign in The Times next week urging people who oppose a single currency to vote Tory. He also plans to book prime time on national television in before the EU summit in Amsterdam in June if Lab-

Mr Sykes, who has already paid £600,000 to 232 Tory candidates who oppose a single currency in their election literature, said last night: "If we lose I will stop being polite. I will start spending

some real money. Worth about £250 million. Mr Sykes says-he will camif he runs out of money.

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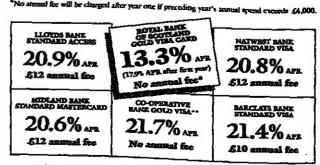
Heseltine, William Waldegrave Lord Archer in Wales; Virginia Bottomley in London; Patrick Mayhew in the East; Michae Portillo in the West; Michael



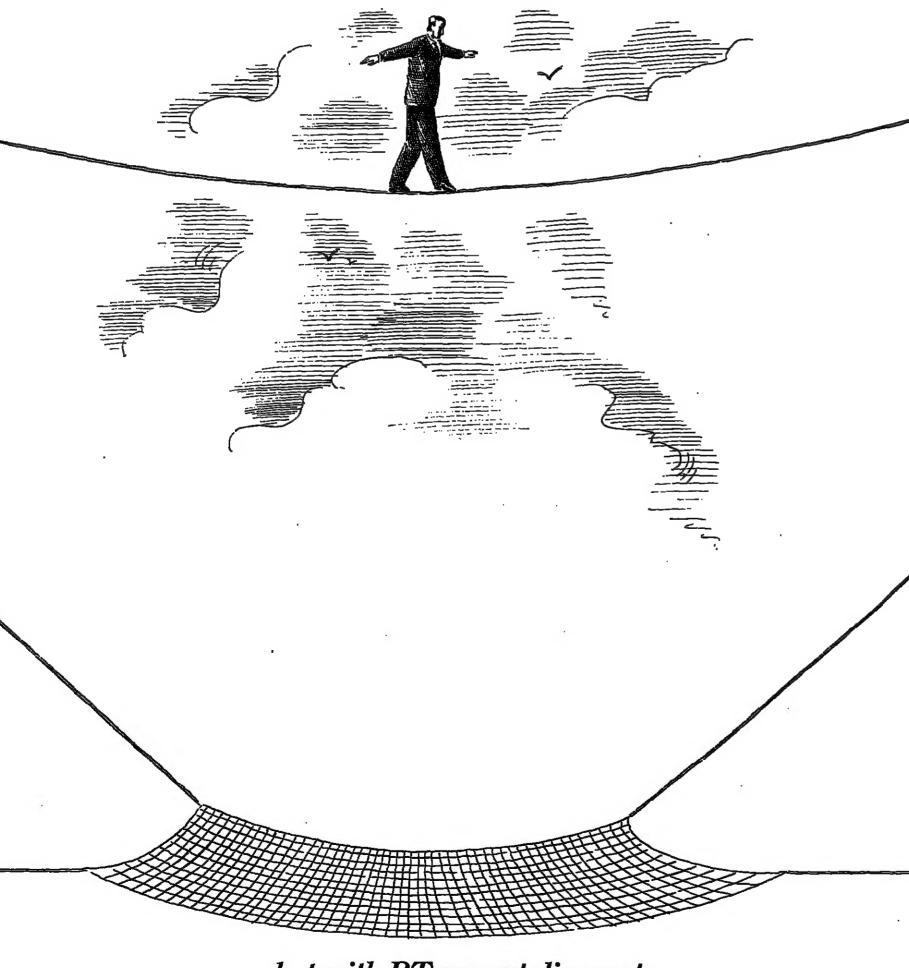
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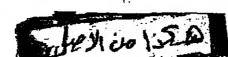
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Major asks faithful to trust him

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

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JOHN MAJOR made an impassioned personal plea to party activists in Aberdeen yesterday to "look in my eyes" and trust him even if they have doubts about the Conservative

Party. The Prime Minister distanced himself from the problems facing his party and underlined his personal integrity and ability to protect Britain against European Federalists and the break up of the Union.

"I appeal to you. Don't let whatever doubts you may have had about the Conservative Party in the past weigh with you, when the future of the United Kingdom may be at stake. Think about it. Think seriously. Think again. Look in my eyes and know this. I will always deal fair and true by this great nation."

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He attempted to emphasise his own stature at the head of the party when he made clear that the conservative manifesto "has my imprint right upon it. It is my manifesto, not just to my own constituents but to the whole of the country."

Mr Major has ordered colleagues to make devolution and Europe key issues in the final days of the election campaign, believing that this is Labour's most most vulner-

able territory.
In an interview with The European he talked tough about the gulf between the Tories and Labour on Europe. saying it was "not just a gap — it's a chasm". He added: "We did not enter the EU for socialism through the back door or for a federal Europe. We support Britain in Europe, not Britain run by Europe.

The British Prime Minister - whether himself or Tony Blair - would "face pressure to take Europe down an integrationist, federal path" when the heads of the European states met at the Amster-

dam summit in June, he said. "If Blair is elected to the premiership of May I, within weeks he would go cap in hand to Amsterdam to sign away control over much of Britain's booming economy. The trade union bosses will bring through the back door all the powers we have pushed

out through the front door." Mr Major reiterated his determination to resist any move towards a more integrated Europe. "If the British people send me to Amsterdam, be in no doubt. I will not put British prosperity at risk. I will not put Britain on the to a Federal escalator Europe."

Mr Major launched a fresh attack on Labour's devolution proposals, linking the break up of the United Kingdom with a growing threat from European federalists in Brus-

Labour's proposal to abolish tax relief on health insurance could increase the tax bill of 600,000 pensioners by £200 a year, the Tories warned yesterday in an escalation of the battle to win the so-called grey vote.
The Tories were accused of

running scare stories to try to win over the pensioner population by Labour leaders who repeated their charge yesterday that a fifth-term Conservative government would privatise the state pension. But Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, defended the Tory tactics and said that Labour had made specific commitments which would raise costs for pensioners.



Tony Baldry, left, junior minister at the Ministry of Agriculture, talking to farmers at Hereford cattle market yesterday

Minister finds life tough on the farm

Damian Whitworth goes on the campaign trail with Douglas Hogg's deputy, Tony Baldry

THE man fighting the muckiest campaign of this election is probably Tony Baldry, a junior minister at the Ministry of Agriculture. While other ministers canvass voters in supermarkets and factories, Mr Baldry has been spending most of his time deep in manure.

In the absence of Douglas Hogg, Mr Baldry's boss, who admitted to The Times last week that he is only spending seven days on the national camapign trail, poor Mr Baldry is touring the shires seeing rather a lot of farmers. While other ministers seem

incapable of going anywhere without an escort from a huge retinue of minders, Mr Baldry quietly drives himself around from farm, to market to fishing port. Yesterday he rolled up at Hereford market to launch the Conservative

rural campaign. He was ushered into the sheep pens by the happily named local Tory candidate. Sir Colin Shepherd. As those unfamiliar with the hazards ONE of the unreported side-effects of BSE is that the afflicted turn to drink (Daniel McGrory writes). Douglas Hogg, left. sought sanctuary in yet another country pub yesterday. Gulping down his lunchtime beer the minister conceded that his campaign arrangements are driving him to drink: "So many of the rendezvous we have are in pubs but I would much rather talk to people over a pint than sit in some dreary press conference in London."

This is just as well as Central Office seems intent on banishing Mr Hogg to the backwaters. Once again he had begun his day studying the B-roads on his pocket AA map.

However, Central Office would have been proud of him in

one confrontation yesterday. He found himself toe to toe with a vast charolais bull. Mr Hogg stared. The bull stared back, then charged. Ministerial minders fled but Mr Hogg stood his ground and the beast limped away. His next question to the armer was when the animal was due for slaughter.

marish for some people. A thousand bleats concurred. Mr Baldry then decided to start talking tough politics. This was perhaps a mistake.

places slithered

around and tried to mop up

the mess with straw. Mr Baldry splashed on without regard to his turn-ups, "Your shoes take quite a battering in this job," he said. "But this isn't as bad as fish markets.

At the crack of dawn, fish-

The minister told one farm-

er that the crisis over "mad

cow" disease had been night-

markets really smell."

of such

Village life and rural traditions are under threat from Labour. Labour's policies would lead to the death of the rural economy." He attacked the idea of a minimum wage, railed against the Opposition's policy on hunting and trumpeted the government's handling of the BSE crisis.

However hard Mr Baldry has worked, however many European Council of Ministers meetings he has attended - he is not a farmer. He trained as a barrister. Just as he concluded his spiel Labour's frontbench agriculture spokesman in the Lords. Lord Carter, appeared. -Lord Carter has not only

been Labour's snokesman on agriculture for a decade, he actually is a ruddy-faced farmer and an agriculture consultant. He was laughing and joking with the local chairman of the National Farmers' Union, Derek Wareham. "We once worked on the same farm together, 40 years ago," said Lord Carter. Turning to Mr Baldry's

pronouncements, Lord Carter remarked: "It seems a little inappropriate to come here and start talking about a minimum wage. Farmers about the only people who have got a minimum wage and they've had one for 50

"Furthermore, it is a deliberate distortion to say that our right-to-roam Bill would give legal access to farmland as it will only refer to open land or moorland." Mr Baldry's boast that the Conservatives were best placed to get the beef ban lifted was similarly dismissed.

Mr Baldry had waded off to look at some cattle.

NFU chief will vote Labour over BSE

By ANDREW PIERCE

THE former president of the National Farmers' Union says in a letter to The Times today that he will vote Labour at the election for the first time in 40 years because the Tories had forfeited the right to

support from farmers.
Sir Simon Gourlay says that the "disastrous" record of the Government was illustrated by the BSE crisis, the worst to afflict the industry since the war. Sir Simon, the president of the NFU from 1986-91, who has voted Tory in every election bar the last one, when he backed the Liberal Democrats, said that many landowning farmers had switched to Labour because of the "lamentable" performance of Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister,

"Ineptitude and day-by-day crisis management over the last ten years have cost farmers and the taxpayer billions of pounds," he said.

Alan Sugar, the chairman of the electronics firm Amstrad and Tottenham Hotsput Football Club last night declared his support for Labour. Once seen as one of Baroness Thatcher's favourite businessmen, he said Mr Blair was a breath of fresh air and understood business.

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Gourlay: condemned handling of beef crisis

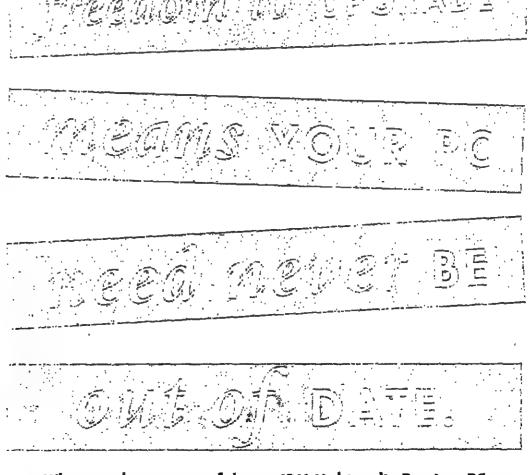
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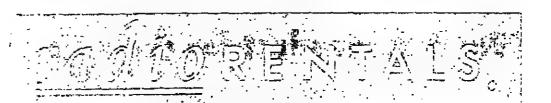
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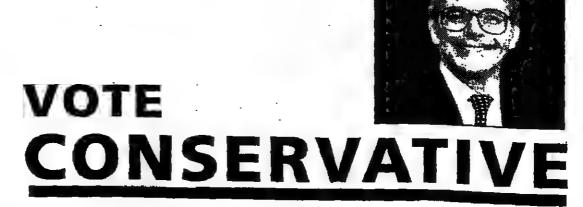
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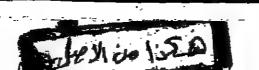
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Abbott runs for cover instead of for Parliament

"DIANE Abbott? She will be here tomorrow, but we don't

know exactly where. "
I had difficulty in tracking down the Hackney North & Stoke Newington Constituency Labour Party, who are not in the phone book, and now it seemed they had difficulty tracking down their candidate.

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They promised to ring back. They never did. So I rang them again yesterday morning. "Her schedule does not allow anyone into her constituency today", they said, then hung up. So I asked The Times to ring. She is not in the constituency, but may be lat-

er" the enquirer was told. So I turned up at the door of her Stoke Newington office yesterday morning. Two party workers behind the counter looked sheepish. They paused.



down but has great difficulty cornering a rare and fascinating species — the apparently publicity-shy politician

him" she said last year) but I am less likely than most to

mock. She looked deeply em-

barrassed. "Sorry" she said,

you can't write about me

today. I am off to help Alan

Simpson, the Labour candi-

Could The Times photogra-

pher take a picture of us?

"Sorry, no photographs". This was becoming unreal. I

phoned Mr Simpson's office.

No. she is not coming here

date in Nottingham South."

Matthew Parris tracks

I thought I saw someone move behind a screen, 'Yes, she's worker hesitantly.

Diane Abbutt stepped forward,

I should explain that she and I are on good terms and she cannot have regarded me as hostile. She is known for her forthright left wing views and occasional eccentricity ("I don't even know Tony Blair: never had a conversation with

today. She's arriving tomorrow on the 11.45 train. I do not see myself as a doorstepping journalist or wish to become a nuisance. least of all to Miss Abbott whom I used to respect. But now the photographer and I had the bit between our teeth so, after checking there was no other exit, he stood opposite the door to the Labour offices and waited. I tucked myself away with a mobile phone. An hour later he was still waiting.

I contacted the other candidates. Michael Lavender, an eager and energetic Tory, was



Candidates Dickon Tolson, Lisa Lovebucket and Michael Lavender wait outside the Labour offices for their rival to make a break for it

out canvassing but came to join me. The Times was welcome to follow him. Douglas Taylor, the Liberal Democrat, was at work but would be pleased to take us round later, For the Referendum Party, Brian Maxwell could join me the following morning. For the Rainbow Connection Dream Ticket Party, Lisa Lovebucket agreed to take an hour off work to meet The Times. She brought with her Dickon Tolson (None of the Above Party) on his bike.

We assembled outside the Labour Party offices Inside, Diane Abbott was still refus-

ing to come out. From time to time people would peer from the windows to see if we were still waiting. I could see Miss Abbott behind the counter. "She came to a Charter 88 meeting" the Liberal Democrat rold me but when we asked her views, she said: "All I have to say is that Tony Blair walks on water".

"I am hoping for 23 votes" said Miss Lovebucket. "Not 24?" I asked. "No. 23. It's the number of the illuminati." Her party ticket is "Home rule for everyone, everywhere". Mr Tolson, a 24-year-old extra in Peak Practice, has invested all

his savings in his deposit. He believes in individual freedom and human diversity and wants to take a stand against party politics. Mr Lavender thinks Labour has let Hackney down and hopes for a solid protest vote for the Tories next Thursday.

So The Times knows where Hackney's Rainbow, Conservative, and None of the Above. parties stand. But where does Labour stand? "All I have to say is that Tony Blair walks on

Diane Abbott had now been hiding for four hours. At about 4pm, they sent a decoy out - an Abbott lookalike who leaned into a mini cah. But we know Diane and were not fooled. At 5 they sent a spy to scout the Rochester Castle pub, where I was writing this. But I hid. By 6 she was still

sketchwriter has Your reached four conclusions. First, Miss Lovebucket and Mr Tolson, who will lose their deposits, are a good deal saner than the Hackney Labour Party. Second, it looks like Labour's Millbank Tower is behind Miss Abbott's disappearance. But they had better

 how about an 'alibi for the day' each morning? - so that we all agree when Miss Abbon is supposed to be arriving in Nomingham. Playing silly huggers is not clever, not even especially sinister; it is just

Third, if I were Diane Abbon, whom, I persist in not disliking, I should feel insulted and humiliated. Humiliated that my party is ashamed opinions appearing in any journal outside Hackney. Oh - and fourthly: in Miss Abbott's memorable phrase

Michael Foot goes trendily but with some passion into that good night

Valerie Elliott admires the former leader's commitment to designer fashion on his visit to west Wales

HE HAS a new claret jacket for new Labour. Michael Foot, on the campaign trail in west Wales yesterday, was doing his best to live up to the party's new designer

Diane Abbott: hid in her constituency office all day

Gone was the donkey jacket, to be replaced by one of the more expensive casual labels for men, Gant. His footwear, dark canvas shoes by Artwalk, is favoured by trendy first-time new Labour

The former Labour leader was extremely proud of his dress but even he thought purple would be chosen for Labour's election day years and in 1983 led the party to at Pembrokeshire College, Haver- for a Blair government. "They people back to work. "The unions they will do it."

build-up. His shock of white hair. owlish spectacles, wooden stick and Dizzy the Tibetan terrier, who

has been a companion for 17 years, were reassuringly familiar. There were no soundbites from Dizzy but Mr Foot said he was getting on famously with Mr Blair's new bulldog.

The passion and emotion are still there. But Mr Foot, 83, the grand old man of the Labour movement, who held Ebbw Vale too much. That is the colour after Ancurin Bevan for nearly 50

its heaviest postwar defeat, is quieter now.

He sensed victory nevertheless for Labour this time and is convinced the party will be in power well into the millennium. He said he intends to be around to see what it achieves. Mr Foot particularly looks forward to seeing more women in the Cabinet and in Parliament. They would enliven politics, he said.

But the man of letters gave a warning in an address to students fordwest, that the only combination for a winning politician was to mix political theory with practical measures. He hinted that perhaps the pragmatism had

gone too far. Some politicians should learn more from our prepared to do." Later on a nostalgic journey to the Boathouse at Laugharne, once Dylan Thomas's home, flashes of Michael Foot's former fiery spirit

emerged. There were tirm orders

must call an international conference for the abolition of the bomb. I think they will do. It's not in the programme but there are lots of things not in the programme they might wish to do," he said.

Now I am not saying they should give up the bomb when others haven't but they should call the conference, we must call a halt to this race. The more they look at it the more they will come to this conclusion.

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will help Tony Blair win this election and they will help him on this afterwards.

Mr Foot's third demand was the state funding of political parties. He railed against the secret funding of the Torles but said trade union sponsorship of MPs was defensible because it was onen. "I do believe Labour will introduce it. You won't solve real corruption

in Parliament without state fundings. There are mixed views



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Soapy stagecraft takes the gloss off plans to channel draw's £1bn profits to 'people's causes'

Labour's credit rating falls as its lottery banker fails to hit jackpot

You'll be sure of a big surprise, they said. But Charles Bremner found Tony Blair lost in the woods as new Labour's theatrical presentation held centre stage

ping, leisure-loving Britain.

WE were in for a big surprise. Labour had promised us when we were invited down to a riverside television theatre in London yesterday. The media bunker of Labour's daily press conferences was not special enough for the exciting news to be unveiled by Tony Blair and his friends.

What we saw was the launch of Labour's promised plan for revamping the National Lottery and reallocating modest proceeds to health and education. Sorry, that should read "We shared in the excitement of Labour's promised billion-pound jackpot for all Britain'." This event, according to Mr Blair, "will be as important as well as popular as any initiative taken by any political party in the course of

Putting aside what this said about the importance of projects for government. Labour's lottery day offered a fine example of the soapy stagecraft which has driven the campaign, and especially new Labour's. It was also a nice primer in the buzzwords that are supposed to hit the

It could be them: Labour

hopes it has a winner

came across like one of those "info-mercials" broadcast in the small hours on American television. There, before the darkened theatre, was a stage set as dazzling as the teeth and the white shirt of the chief compere. Tony B. There was an enthusiastic studio audience, drawn from the public, and a bevy of guest stars who came to endorse the product. In the absence of Mystic Meg. Mr Cunningham warmed up the audience while Tony B beamed into the theatre darkness from behind the traditional vase of red roses. Bounding to the podium in best Trust-Me mode, the party chief then assured a hall dominated by election-weary hacks: "Labour can't guarantee that you'll win! Though

papers in Britain.

television. Labour had put on

an implausible affair that



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Roll up: Miriam Stoppard said advice on healthy living must be as popular as this week's in-store super-buy

we will guarantee your money goes to causes you care about." In near verb-free flight, Mr Blair warmed to his theme. The People's Lottery. The People's Priorities. It will not substitute for what the taxpayer does. It will add to what people get." Literate and numerate children would be merrily clicking away on computers, sharpening their skills at "homework clubs" and honing their healthy lifestyles. This would be financed by the profits from the midweek draw. El billion within four we've been sorely tempted to years, a sum that would in make that guarantee ... But reality spread pretty thin. But

you didn't just have to take the politician's word: celebrities backed it. First came Steve Cram, the athlete, who appeared on a video screen standing in the duty-free shop at Heathrow. He was rushing off but wanted to give his

blessing to after-school clubs. Then, in a coup for Labour, Anthony Minghella, the director of The English Patient. stepped up from the studio audience to read a speech in praise of Labour's planned National Endowment for Science and the Arts, another lottery cause. His Oscar-winning film had earned \$175 miltion (£107 million) so far for the American producers. Labour would make sure this kind of money would come to

Britain, he argued. The finale came from "TV's Dr Miriam Stoppard", who, in the new soft-left idiom, sang the praises of Labour's plans "healthy living centres". These would "deliver health into the hands of the people". Advice on healthy living must become "as attractive as this

The details of how this

'gamble for health" theme. Mr Blair was bussed to a modern one-stop health centre in Brentwood, west London. No one had apparently warned Kay Clark, 37, who had her mouth open in midexamination when the Labour leader glided up to her dental chair. He seemed to have forgotten the well-body maintenance message and all Dr

Stoppard's stuff about Taking

LABOUR'S LOTTERY

Labour vesterday promised several other areas could be nesday-night lottery on at least four areas: health. education. training, and a new endowment trust for the arts and science. Tony of the projects would be given money for more than five years, and that most of the money would go in capital start-up costs rather than revenue. He said that

covered within the money raised and that the four projects were only illustrative. Party aides said that after lottery funding was withdrawn from projects. business or voluntary partnerships would take over. Labour's plans may require the creation of a new body to allocate funds and a further change to the rules on how the lottery money is distributed.

HOMEWORK CLUBS

After-school homework clubs for 50 per cent of secondary schools and a quarter of all primary schools within five years: Academic studies have found that after-school homework clubs, which would receive £150 million of lottery money under Labour's plans, help pupils to achieve better results. A dozen schools are sharing a government grant of

£60,000 in a pilot project on after-school clubs. Labour's plan would concentrate on inner-city "action zones" where results are poor. Schools and voluntary organisations could bid for start-up support for clubs. Teachers' leaders welcomed the plan, but gave warning that they would hold Labour to its promise not to use tute for state funding.

IT TRAINING

Training 500,0000 teachers in information technology: This technology is central to Labour's commitment to revitalise state schools. Lottery money would be used to provide equipment and to update teachers' skills. Proceeds from the midweek lottery will provide £100 million to set up a "national grid for learning" through the internet, as well as a teacher-training pro-

gramme in information technology, Inspectors' reports have shown that many teachers lack the confidence to make full use of technology. Labour is promising training in information technology for existing teachers before the end of skills backlog once and for all". All new recruits to the profession would have to qualify in the subject.

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HEALTHY LIVING CENTRES

Healthy living centres — a core network of health and fitness centres by 2001. Labour wants to build on joint initiatives between GPs and local health or leisure centres. The new centres would offer fitness checks, fitness routines, and advice on diet and leading a healthy way of life. Labour says some of the services would be provided free but suggests that charges could be intro-

duced in some areas. The centres would be easily accessible, in areas such as shopping centres and leisure centres. Some people would be referred to specialists, but the aim would be to reduce pressure on the NHS and promote healthier living. Bids would be managed under the auspices of Labour's proposed local commissioning groups of GPs.

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would invite leading artists and scientists to contribrights and patents to help new talent. There would be a boost from the lottery.

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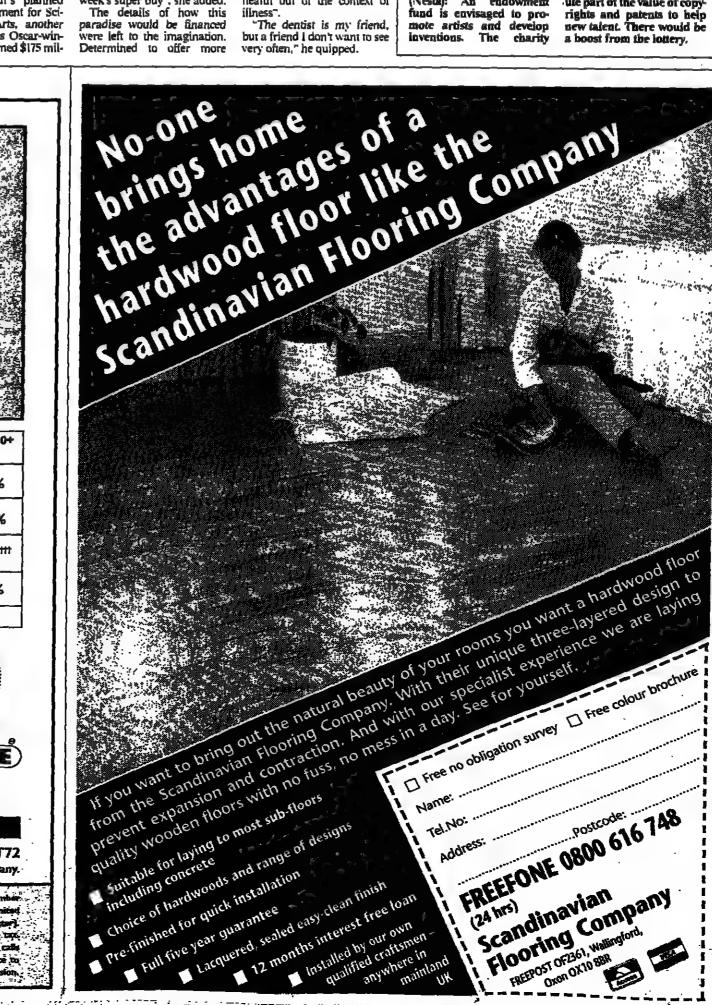
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Ring up Gordon Brown? At least half the voters have better things to do, writes Peter Barnard

Phone-in political debates are a men-only pursuit

WOULD a latter-day Emmeline Pankhurst have gone to jail and started hunger strikes for the right to ring up Gordon Brown? Or is there a great divide between the genders over suffrage, whereby women just want to get on with the voting while men, the election anoraks, love to believe they are part of the debate?

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CENTRES

Yesterday's Election Call on BBCI and Radio 4 brought about a sensational departure from the norm: four women rang up Mr Brown, the Shadow Chancellor. This is less than 25 per cent of the 17 people who called in, yet it is still a sharp swing to women compared with Election Call as a whole, which has taken about two calls from women out of an average of 16 callers to each programme.

Nor is the imbalance confined to the electorate. By the time Election Call ends next Wednesday, there will have been 16 politicians in the studio hot seat. Of those only one, Margaret Beckett for Labour, is a woman. No Gillian Shephard, no Harriet



Harman, no Clare Short, no

horse to get a mention, much

less a role, on the mainstream

The result is that Election

election programmes

Virginia Bottomley

Call and others of its kind have consisted of men tele-Party panic explains some phoning men. Yesterday 13 these absences. Mrs men telephoned Mr Brown. Bottomley and Ms Short in dark suit, plain shirt and having been banished by the red tie and Mr Brown stayed media manipulators for the "on message" throughout. It duration. They would need to was pretty boring and it was throw themselves under a very male,

En route from the television set to the office I conducted some research.



of women consisting of my

wife. MORI it ain't, but a few on my desk: "I am interested in what people do, not what people say. They all have so much to say and we all have so much to do."

The "we" means women. From the tone of their questions, it can be presumed that

were therefore speaking from their places of work. Men tend to consider ringing up politicians from work — a responsible use of time, for are we not better workers for

being "well-informed"?

A dubious proposition, especially when put to women who, while Election Call is on the air, are completing

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reciting the Labour manifes-to, which is what occurred for 55 minutes yesterday, has to take its (low) place on a woman's list of priorities.

So are men more in tune with the issues in this election than women? I seriously doubt it. Men, women and election programmes have a relationship which parallels that between men, women and cars. Men like to stick their heads under the bonnet on a regular basis whereas women only care about what

a car does, not how it does it. Men like to poke about in the entrails of politics, ringing up the likes of Mr Brown so that they can feel part of the political process. But the truth is that the modern political engine is as much a modern car engine.

Women simply accept this. Men like to drag oily answers from politicians for the same reason that they like to commune with an oily camshaft: they are none the wiser, but they do it because it seems



Emmeline Pankhurst: would she been motivated by the desire to join a telephone debate?

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Women are 'missing from TV coverage'

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

MALE politicians, journalists and pundits are dominating television coverage of the general election, and women's concerns are being ignored. according to a study published

Despite the main parties' efforts to increase the number of female candidates and to appeal to female voters, the Fawcett Society found that women were "almost invisible" in the coverage.

The study of television news between April 4 and April 10 found that male politicians (excluding the three main

THE MEDIA

party leaders) appeared 127 times compared with eight appearances by women, and that 20 per cent of election news items were covered by female journalists compared with 30 per cent by men. Fifty men appeared because of their professional or business interests but only four women. No female academic experts appeared compared with 17 ap-

pearances by male academics. BBC1 news, ITV news, BBC2's Newsnight and Channel 4 News were monitored.

The report says that women journalists are often given less male colleagues, who, for in-stance, conduct the big interviews with party leaders.

It said that on BBCI's Nine O'Clock News Anne Perkins appeared every night but that her reports tended to concentrate on the lighter side of the campaign rather than serious analysis of the issues.

was true that television news was often reacting to events and using the individuals put forward by the parties, more considered features failed to take account of women. In a BBC report looking at the influence of European Union on southwest England, "as so often with items of employment, women did not appear,'

Fawcett Society, which was set up in 1866 to advance the cause of women, said: "The programmes do not reflect women's true role in society."

sionals. Women's specific con-cerns are rarely highlighted and the framing of discussions

The report said that while it

on issue of general interest has only included the token input or presence of women." Results programme

to be BBC's longest By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

THE BBC is to broadcast the longest programme in its 75year history on election night, with eight hours of results. comment and analysis.

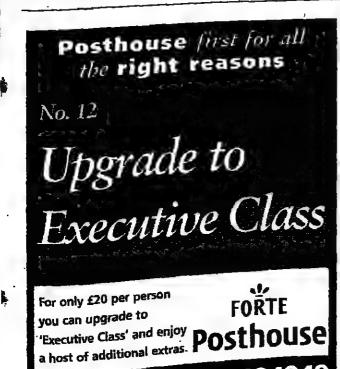
The BBCl programme, which will be two hours longer than the Corporation's previous election night specials, will use 80 outside broadcast units and cost £2.5 million.

David Dimbleby. Peter Snow and Jeremy Paxman will be among the presenters, and Kate Adie and John Simpson, both more used to covering, wars, will report from key marginals. The pro-

gramme will open at 9.55pm with the results of an exit poll of 16,000 voters. Peter Snow's perennial

"swingometer" has been transformed into a computergenerated wheel. He has also helped to devise a battlegound map that may show majorities in individual constituencies exploding into thin air.

Although ITN is putting up fierce competition with a programme presented by Jona-than Dimbleby, the BBC can expect the bigger the audience because viewers traditionally turn to it for big events.



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The report says: To date, the news coverage has been dominated by men, male politicans, male reporters, male presenters, male experts, male academics and male profes-



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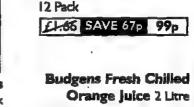
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Blast rocked football-playing gunmen after electronic signal sent message of freedom for hostages

Sound of martial music heralded doom for rebels

By Gabriella Gamini, south america correspondent, and Michael Evans

AN ELECTRONIC signal received by a member of the Peruvian security forces held hostage inside the Japanese Ambassador's residence in Lima gave a vital warning that a military operation to lift the 126-day siege was about to be

The sound of the Peruvian Marines' official anthem from loudspeakers set up round the mansion provided confirmation to the rest of the hostages that the attack was imminent.

The 72 hostages, mostly held on the first floor of the residence in separate rooms, were told to lie on the floor. Fortyfive of the hostages were highranking members of the Peruvian security forces.

Eight of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement guerrillas, including their leader. Nestor Cerpa Cartolini, were relaxing on the ground floor, playing football in the grand reception hall which had been converted into a makeshift pitch. The remaining six guerrillas were on guard duty on the stairs leading up to the first floor.

Cerpa and his three top lieutenants were fighting the inaction and boredom with a game of close-quarter football with four other Tupac Amaru guerrillas. They were relaxed as the afternoon sun beat

THE RESCUE

minute storming of the residence by 140 Peruvian special forces' commandos and police began with a huge explosion underneath the hall where the guerrillas were playing foot-ball. Engineers had dug a tunnel right across the compound and under the main building. The explosion beneath the feet of the footballing

6 We heard the Marines'

anthem played on loudspeakers and knew it was time 9

guerrillas provided the single most dramatic element of surprise vital for the operation's success.

The pre-planned warning signal to the hostages was another element of the months of planning that guaranteed

the final victory.

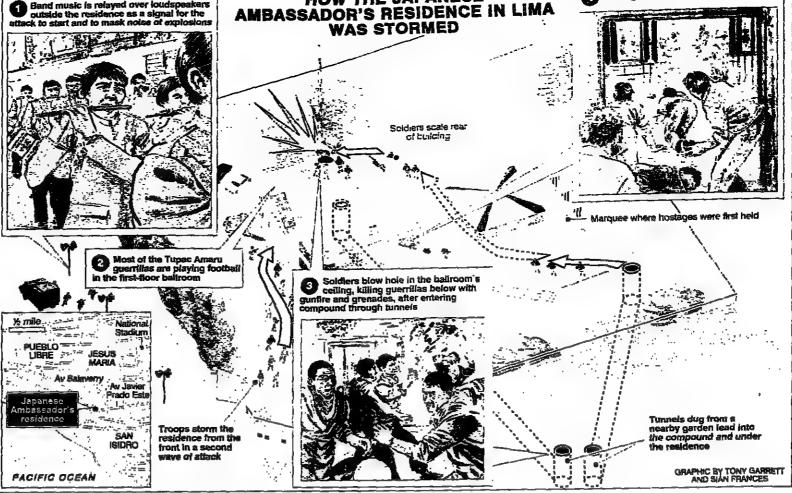
One report said coded messages had also been sent to the hostages via letters from relaby the International Committee of the Red Cross, warning

of a possible commando raid. The Peruvian special forces took over a remote area on the outskirts of Lima and built a mock-up of the mansion, a method used successfully by the SAS in breaking sieges. The Peruvians called their mission Operation Chavin de Huantar, the name of a pre-Inca civilisation in central Peru known for its adoration of the puma.

The Peruvian security authorities had time to devise a strategy aimed at attacking the residence from every angle, including from beneath the building. This was the most daring part of the plan.

Several tunnels were dug across the compound to the residence. To cover the noise of the drilling machines, the Peruvians played deafening military music. As the weeks went by.

special detectors, listening devices and thermal imaging equipment provided by the Americans, including the most advanced surveillance systems used by the CIA. helped to pinpoint the location of the 14 guerrillas and the 72 hostages, who, after the release of most of the 500 original captives, were split into three separate groups. All



HOW THE JAPANESE

residence were monitored by

the American equipment. The warning to the hostages of the raid was confirmed last night by Jorge Gumucio, the Bolivian Ambassador and one of the 72 being held. He said: "We were tald to listen out for

a military anthem, wait ten minutes and then lie on the floor. We heard the Marines' anthem played on loudspeakers and knew it was time."

Fujimori, the Peruvian President, who had never ruled out the use of force to end the 126day siege, said the information he had received of what was going on inside the residence - the crucial intelligence of the football match on the ground floor - meant he "did not waver for a single minute in giving the order for this rescue operation".

Britain's hidden persuaders kept the guerrillas talking

By MICHAEL EVANS

FOUR Metropolitan Police officers played their part in devising special negotiating tactics that helped to dissuade the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement guerrillas inside the Japanese Ambassador's residence in Lima from killing hostages.

The murder of captives early in the siege would have forced the Peruvian Government to launch a military operation without proper planning, with the likelihood of substantial casualties. The negotiations were a vital element of the counter-siege

Official negotiations with the guerrilias began four eeks after the Japanese envoy's residence was seized on

NEGOTIATORS

tative to attend meetings of a special commission of five negotiators. The five included Domingo Palermo, the Peruvian Education Minister, who headed the commission.

The four Metropolitan Police hostage negotiators, on rotating duty to ensure two were always present in Lima. were available to give advice to John Illman, the British Ambassador, and to the Japanese Government. None of the British officers took part

in the actual negotiating.

The commission of five negotiators met a member of the hostage-takers in a house a block from the ambassador's residence. The guerrilla was driven out of the compound in an armoured vehicle and taken to the house which was heavily guarded. After

was driven back to the compound.

The commission of negotiators had two principal objectives; to prevent the murder of any of the hostages and to try to end the siege through peaceful means. From years of experience dealing with hostage-takers, the Metropolitan Police experts were on hand to advise on well-tried negotiating methods, based on winning the confidence

and trust of the guerrillas.

By the time the siege was ended, the two Metropolitan Police officers who had first flown to Lima to give their advice were back in Peru for their next stint of duty. They knew that the negotiations with the guerrillas had played a substantial part because the hostage-takers had been de ceived into thinking that the Peruvian Government would never authorise a storming of



A Peruvian special forces soldier peers out of a hole in the grounds of the Japanese Ambassador's residence before the assault to free the bostages

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Amid coup rumours, calculating leader revives political fortunes with lethal blow to terrorists

President salvages iron-man image in dramatic flourish

FROM DAVID ADAMS

WHAT began as a nightmare for President Fujimori of Peru ended in the kind of high drama that political leaders can only dream about.

With a microphone In one hand and a walkie-talkie in the other a beaming Señor Fujimori — shirt-sleeves rolled up under a black bulletproof vest — was on the scene less than an hour after Peruvian troops launched their assault on the Japanese Ambassador's residence in Lima.

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The man who likes to call himself the "President-manager" was seen directing troops as if he had planned the attack himself. But the success of Tuesday's storming of the diplomatic compound — all but one of the 72 hostages survived — was almost as much about rescuing Señor Fujirmori's political career as it was about bringing the hostages out alive.

hostages out alive.

"Talk about public relations," said Eduardo Gamarra, a political scientist. "This guy is going to be President as long as he wants to now," he said, referring to Señor Fujimori's controversial efforts to change the constitution to seek a third term.

Tuesday's events were in stark contrast to the scene around the diplomatic compound during the previous 126 days. Rocked by political scandal at home, on the eve of Tuesday's assault Señor Fujimori's Government was in disarray. But the President's response was typical of what analysts describe as his cold decisiveness in moments of crisis. But even for Senor Fujimori — a mathematician by training — this was a decision loaded with monumental risks, both personal and political. Among the hostages was his brother.

As the crisis entered its fifth month, critics blamed Señor Fujimori's intransigence for a deadlock in negotiations with the hostage-takers.

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An opinion poll showed the President's support had fallen

FUJIMORI

to 38 per cent of the population, down from 70 per cent before the hostage-taking. The successful end to the hostage crisis "is a tremendous boost for him", said Señor Gamarra. "After this his popularity is going to be 100 per cent."

ra. "After this his popularity is going to be 100 per cent."

Señor Fujimorl, 59. is no stranger to crises. In 1992 he seized near-dictatorial powers by dismissing the legislature and the courts with the backing of the military. He justified the seizure as necessary to control corruption and combat the Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) rebels,

Within months, his Government had imprisoned most guerrilla leaders and begun to take credit for a decline in violence. But human rights groups accused the authorities of a wave of repression. When Tupac Amaru rebels captured hundreds of hostages at a

Fujimori keeps in touch at the Lima siege scene

Japanese embassy cocktail party on December 17, it was a spectacular setback for the President who boasted that crushing the guerrillas had been "a piece of rake".

been "a piece of cake".

The United States strongly urged Senor Fujimori not to comply with rebel demands to release hundreds of their jailed comrades. But the strong-willed President was also facing pressure from Japan, a close ally which urged Senor Fujimori to seek a peaceful, negotiated settlement to the stalemate.

Time began to run out for

Time began to run out for the President. In the past two weeks, the Peruvian Army had been shaken by political and human rights scanduls to the point that there were widespread rumours of a military coup in the making.

The resignations at the weekend of the Interior Minister and the chief of police indicated sharp political differences over how to resolve the hostage crisis. The President's shadowy chief security adviser became the target of embarrassing corruption allegations. The army was also involved in a scandal stem-ming from the murder of a female intelligence officer whose body was found dis-membered, apparently after being tortured to death by fellow officers. Admitting abuses had taken place, the army sacked several officers. But the events on Tuesday proved again that Senor Fujimori is never more dangerous than when in a corner. The successful end of the crisis

has effectively silenced his critics for the time being.

However, the hostage crisis has severely dented investor confidence in Peru as an emerging market. Surviving leaders of the Tupac Amaru rebel movement have pledged to step up actions against economic targets in revenge

for their comrades' deaths.

But the rebels remain a small group and, while the violent end to the siege may inspire new recruits, others may be less willing to cross swords with Señor Fujimori.



Peruvian soldiers celebrate their successful storming of the Japanese Ambassador's residence in Lima, ending the 126-day deadlock after Tupac Amaru rebels took over the building during a cocktail party last December

Japanese firms were set to pay ransom

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT
IN TOKYO

JAPANESE companies were preparing a multi-million dollar ransom in the hope of buying freedom for the hostages before the siege was ended.

Some corporations believed they could secure the release of their executives by paying the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement. President Fujimori hinted in February that money may have been paid early in the crisis, but the Japanese Government says it has no knowledge of

Experts say that the ransom plan, whether implemented or not, reflects the Japanese habit of making deals with terrorists, and presents a stark contrast to the resolve shown by President Fujimori, who is of Japanese ancestry.

of Japanese ancestry.

Japan, which persistently sought a peaceful settlement of the crisis, was caught off guard by the rescue. Ryutaro

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Hashimoto, the Prime Minister, admitted yesterday. "Unfortunately we were not told of the operation in advance," he sald. Mr Hashimoto was asleep when Peruvian troops made their move. "I regret this, but we thank the Peruvian authorities for seizing the opportunity."

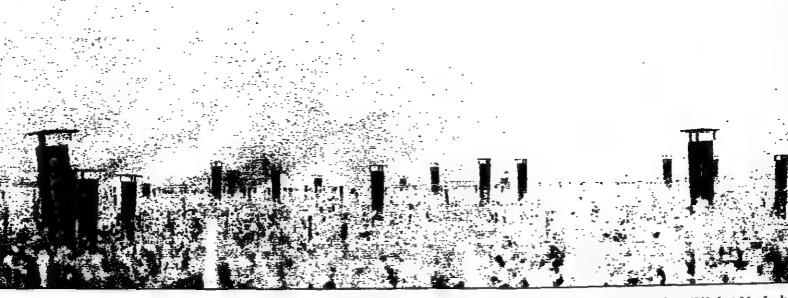
After the operation. Mr Hashimoto spoke to Mr Fujimori by telephone and was told the Lima Government could not have given a warning because of the "delicate timing". "I told him I understood his choice, but I did inform him of my regret that we had no prior information," Mr Hashimoto told journalists.

Voicing the feelings of many Japanese yesterday. Hideaki Kase, a former government adviser, said the resolution of the crisis without consulting Tokyo was "humiliating for Japan ... This affair will only perpetuate Japan's image as a country lacking a will to resist terrorists."









A HELICOPTER keeps smoke from about 100 heaters close to the ground at a Graves vineyard near Bordeaux. A sudden freeze has hit grapes and threatened this year's harvest in the region. Problems of a different

Heat on to save chilled vines

were warned yesterday that they would go on an export blacklist if they continued using the "tot" system, in which labourers are given wine meeting in Paarl, in Western Cape instead of each. The warning came province. The tot system has been

outlawed since 1963, but Mr Jonker said it was still in operation on more than half the estates and wine farms ten years ago. He said that the system was now run by less than I per cent of wine producers but that KWV would support any future prosecutions over

French spy faces treason trial

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

A FRENCH scientist has been charged with treason after admitting he supplied top-secret documents on his country's nuclear test programme to the KGB.

Francis Temperville, 38, was committed for trial this autumn at a hearing in Paris last month which was not reported. The case has been described by an investigating magistrate as the most important spy scandal in France since the Second World War.

The defendant's lawyer says the affair underlines serious faults in security procedures at France's Atomic Energy Commission, where M Temper-ville worked in 1989 and 1990. He is accused of delivering 6,000 highly confidential documents on nuclear tests in the South Pacific to two senior figures at the Soviet Embassy in Paris. He continued to meet the agents after the Soviet

Cigarette packets and rose petals were signals for betrayal by nuclear scientist

M Temperville has been in custody for five years. He was arrested after Viktor Ochenko. the former KGB agent, defected in London in 1992 and informed the British secret service of Soviet espionage operations in Europe. Temperville was not an

ideologist and not a militant," said his lawyer, Maitre Jean-Didier Belot, who claims his client was ensuared by the Soviet agents.

M Temperville accepts that he supplied documents in return for cash, but maintains he did not know the spies worked for the Soviet Union. He says that when he tried to break off contact with them also says the information he than the prosecution claims. M Temperville's confession to the investigating magistrate. Roger Le Loire, reads like a far-fetched novel. Contacted by a high-ranking Soviet Embassy official. Sergei Smyrev - alias Serge - when he was studying nuclear physics at university. M Temperville was "activated" when he got a job at the Atomic Energy

Commission. Employed in the commission's Directorate of Military Affairs, he was able to copy the documents on the secretary's photocopier, take them away in a plastic bag and place them next to an electricity pylon in Paris.

He signalled the "delivery by dropping orange peel 100 yards away. If a packer of revealed flaws in French

Dunhili cigarettes appeared at the same spot half an hour later, the documents had been collected. If Serge or his colleague at the embassy. Valentin Makarov — alias René — wanted to contact M Temperville. they left rose petals by a Seine bridge.

After M Temperville's arrest, four Russian diplomats were expelled from France because of their attempts to continue to exploit M Temperville, who left the Atomic Energy Commission in 1990. At the time the case was described as an embarrassment to Russia, which was attempting to build rela-

tions with the West. vestigation by M Le Loire has rassing for the French authori-

ties, according to Maitre Belot, "The Atomic Energy Com-mission was a sieve," he said, questioning procedures that allowed M Temperville to be employed in a sensitive area and walk away with confidential material without ever being checked.

According to the prosecution, the defendant supplied the KGB with information on nuclear tests at Mururoa atoli between 1979 and 1990.

M Temperville will be one of only a handful of people to be tried for treason in France this century. He faces up to 15 years in jail and a heavy fine.

Paris protest: Police detained nine demonstrators who placed what they said was radioactive earth outside the National Assembly in Paris. They chained themselves to the four containers However, the five-year in- and unrolled a banner read-"Let's get ing: of out nuclear." (Reuter)

Paris poll campaign tainted by sleaze

By ADAM SAGE

SLEAZE dominated the French parliamentary election campaign yesterday amid re-ports that the Government wants to give ammesty to corrupt politicians and claims of ballot-rigging in Paris.

The allegations are likely to fuel the electorate's scepticism underlined by an opinion poli condemned President Chirac's decision to call an early election but said they would return the Gaullist-led Government because they had even less faith in the Socialists

An overwhelming majority said M Chirac's move was a political manoeuvre and a sign that his policies had failed. They did not believe living standards would improve if Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, were re-

However, the Socialist Party, which lost office in 1993 after repeated scandals and an amnesty for political corruption had outraged the electorare, is still not seen as fit to govern. The poll found the Government would win a majority of about 50 seats in the National Assembly.

The sleaze allegations levelled against the Socialists damaged the image of the entire French political class. That reputation sunk a little lower yesterday with suggestions that M Juppé is also planning an amnesty. Under French law, business leaders can be charged with misusing corporate funds if they make illegal donations to political parties. The politicians who receive the money can also be prosecuted. Press reports yesterday said the Prime Minister wants to abolish this offence, backdating the legislation.

The reports said senior figures in the centre-right majority, including some who worked for M Chirac when he was Mayor of Paris, are under investigation and would benefit from the amnesty. M Juppe

strongly denied the reports.

Le Canard Enchaine, the satirical weekly, said yester-day that Jean Tiberi, M Chirac's Gaullist successor as Mayor of Paris, had "rigged" the electoral roll in his constituency to include up to 4,000 supporters who lived else-where. M Tiberi denied any wrongdoing, saying: "Many voters wish to continue to vote in a district to which they are



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Brussels sees only Italy and Greece missing euro goal

FROM MICHAEL DYNES IN BRUSSELS

THIRTEEN European Union countries, including Britain, are on course to meet the key economic target for participation in the European single currency when it is due to be launched in 1999, leaving only Italy and Greece out in the cold, the European Commission announced yesterday.

Painting a rosy picture of the prospects for the single currency, the Commission said that all 13 countries should have reduced their annual public deficits to less than 3 per cent of gross domestic product, thereby meeting the main economic criteria set by the Maastricht

The Commission's annual spring forecasts predicted that Germany and France, the economic powerhouses of economic and monetary union, will just meet the criteria this year, with public deficits of exactly 3 per cent of GDP. Similarly, Spain and Portugal would squeeze past the 3 per cent mark, while Britain's public deficit is forecast at 2.9 per cent.

The forecasts brought alarming news for Italy, one of the countries most eager to be in the first wave of single currency members. Brussels predicted that it would have a 3.2 per cent public deficit for this year, which will fuel existing fears of a conspiracy among German bankers to delay the participation of Rome in the single-currency

Although the Commission said that there was a fair chance Italy would be able to meet the 3 per cent target by next year, when the decision will be made on who joins the first wave, the forecasts nonetheless implied that this was

unlikely. Publication of the Commission's forecasts, which independent financial analysts insist are drafted under political pressure, were delayed for more than an hour because of a protracted debate among the commissioners. It is understood that Emma Bonino, the Italian Commissioner, was furious over the Commission's nessimistic view on Italy. Dismissing suggestions that the Commission had mas-

saged the figures to put the best possible gloss on the prospects for the single cur-Yves-Thibault rency, Silguy, the Economic and Financial Affairs Commissioner, said he believed "that a majority of member states will meet the requirements for participation in the euro".

Asked how it was possible for Germany and France to meet the 3 per cent target when other international forecasters, including the International Monetary Fund, had predicted they would have public deficits in excess of 3 per cent, M de Silguy insisted: There is absolutely no question of any sort of trading or tinkering with the figures."

Defending the integrity of the Commission's forecasts against a barrage of hostile questioning. M de Silguy said any government can cry. moan, roll on the ground or whatever. It seems to me that the first duty of the Commission is to safeguard the credi-bility of the Commission and its departments" from political

M de Silguy also said that any postponement of the sin-gle currency would be legally and practically impossible, because any delay to the 1999 timetable would precipitate legal action from large banks and businesses which have invested billions in preparation for monetary union.



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Crimean prostitutes to retreat from Nato

FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

IT MAY only be a crumb of comfort for President Yeltsin in his flagging campaign against the expansion of Nato, but at least he can count on the patriotism of mem-bers of the oldest profession.

Prostitutes in the Russian-majority Crimea re-gion of Ukraine have declared that they will withhold their services from Nato sailors taking part in the Sea Breeze exercises off the coast of Crimea this summer,

The prostitutes, who were taking part in a rally in the port of Sevastopol to mark Russia Day, the commemo-ration of Catherine the Great's incorporation of Crimea into Russia In the 18th century, announced their intentions to Krymskoye Vremya, a local newspaper.
"Let them obtain ser-

vices from the wives of the officers who let Nato ships into the Black Sea." the newspaper quoted one as saying. "We for our part will shower the uninvited guests with tomatoes and rotten

Russia has rejected an invitation to join Nato and Ukraine in the exercises, which Moscow views as a provocation in the light of the still unresolved dispute over the division of the Soviet Black Sea Fleet. The issue has been a stumbling block in Russian-Ukrainian ties since the break-up of the Soviet Union in 1991.

Yeltsin seals deal with Beijing to

From Richard Beeston in moscow

RUSSIA and China served notice on the West yesterday that they will co-ordinate foreign policy in an attempt to challenge America's domina-tion of global politics. In a move triggered by Mos-

cow's anger over Nato ex-pansion and Beijing's strained relations with Washington on human rights, the former rivals signed a joint declaration, formally putting aside differences and committing themselves to a partnership into the next century.

"This meeting is of paramount importance, and may be of historic importance in shaping the destiny of the 21st century," said President Yeltsin, before signing the document with his Chinese

counterpart, Jiang Zemin. Although the Russian leader is prone to grandiose statements, the declaration could signal a turning point in post-Cold War relations. The two nations are now committed to

challenging the West on everyworld trade.

In particular, the document "multipolar" instead of a "bitality" and "hegemony".

While no third country or military alliance was named in the document, its wording left little doubt that the thrust of the new partnership was to contain America's dominant role in global affairs and Nato's eastward expansion. The two could have a significant impact on the handling of international crises, such as peacekeeping operations and sanctions, if they en-ordinate their efforts at the UN, where

urity Council seat.



President Yeltsin greets Jiang Zemin in the Kremlin

thwart America

thing from United Nations peacekeeping operations to

rejected "the attempt at enlarging and strengthening military blocs". It called for a polar" system to resolve world problems, denouncing what it described as "Cold War men-

each holds a permanent Sec-

Museow's strategic thinking. Before and after the cullapse of Communism, Russia looked to the West for political, economic and cultural models to

more even-handed way,"

Yesterday's Kremlin cere-

mony symbolised the shift in

shape its society. However, the

experiment in democracy and

the free market has been only partially successful and a

growing number of strategists

have urged the leadership to

turn to China and Asia for

Much of this policy shift

was masterminded by Yev-

geni Primakov, the former in-

telligence chief who became

Foreign Minister more than a

year ago. He has strength-

ened Russia's relations with

India, Iran, China and the

Arab states in a clear break

with the Western-oriented pol-

icies of Andrei Kozyrev, his

inspiration.



Japanese flags mingled with the Union Jack as kindergarten pupils welcomed David Wright, the British Ambassador to Japan, and his wife, Sally, to the opening of the

Shakespeare goes east

Shakespeare Country Park is a model of the home of Maruyama-machi, central Mary Arden, William Japan. Behind the children Shakespeare's mother. The

theme park features many highlights of European history and culture. Yesterday was the anniversary of both

China 'used US tools to build fighters'

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

CHINA illegally sent advanced imported technology to a military base to help to build missiles and fighter aircraft, according to a crime investigation by the US

The year-long inquiry studied documenrs and satellite photographs suggesting that China intended to use the equipment for military purposes despite promises to the United States that it was for civilian use, said intelligence officials auated in The New York Times.

The criminal inquiry by the US Attorney's Office and the Customs Service threatens to add to the tension between Washington and Beijing. Democrats and Republicans in Congress are stepping up pressure on the White House to harden its stance towards China, even at the expense of exports. To the Chinese Government's irritation, President Clinton yesterday "dropped by" at a meeting between the Dalai Lama and Vice-President Al Gore, the fourth time he had met Tibet's

spiritual leader. The deal investigated by the federal inquiry is the 1994 purchase by Catic, a

state-owned Chinese corporation, of equipment to fashion large parts for aircraft from McDonnell Douglas. Officials close to the inquiry say that some equipment sent from America was taken not to Beijing, as Catic had promised, but to a military base of Nanchang Aircraft, 800 miles away to the north.

McDonnell Douglas discovered the diversion in 1995 and reported it to the Commerce Department. Records from Catic's southern California subsidiary have been subpornaed, according to administration officials, but the inquiry is still at an early stage.

Debts force Pakistan to sell off 13 firms

By Christopher Thomas, south asia correspondent

PAKISTAN, struggling to re-pay a crippling foreign debt, plans to privatise 13 state-owned companies, including gas hold ings. Several banks and small factories will also be sold, marking a radical change of direction forced more by ne-

cessity than ideology. The Government reportedly plans to cut bureaucracy by 200,000 jobs. That would put it in the forefront of South Asian nations attempting to streamline their economies and abandon a traditional commitment to socialism and state enterprise. More than 30 per cent of government spending in Pakistan goes on defence and another 40 per cent

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on loan repayments, leaving little for education, hospitals and roads. It is believed 99 per cent of Pakistanis dodge taxes. Among companies Pakistan plans to sell are Karachi Electric Supply Corporation and Sui Northern Gas Pipeline. The Government hopes

to raise more than 14 billion rupees (£208 million) in the next year. Officials said the sales must go ahead to provide a cash infusion to avoid defaulting on repayments of its £19 billion external debt

due this year.
Fatimah Shah. a Hong Kong Shanghai Bank econo-mist in Islamabad, said corruption and mismanagement could scare off investors.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Neo-Nazi guilty of murder bid

Johannesburg: The neo-Nazi leader, Eugene Terre'Blanche. stormed out of a court at Potchefstroom, west of here, vesterday after being convicted of attempted murder and assaulting a black man with intent to do grievous bodily harm, denouncing the judgment as "political" and saying: Today the war has started' (Inigo Gilmore writes). But when threatened with arrest. Terre Blanche returned to the courtroom. He was remanded on bail until June 17, when he faces a possible maximum sentence of ten years' jail.

Zaire slaughter

Lula, Zaire: Zairean villagers said rebels slaughtered hundreds of Rwandan refugees at a camp south of Kisangani in revenge for the killing of six villagers, Laurent Kabila, the rebel leader, denied the reports. He said his men intervened to stop fighting between villagers and Hutu refugees. The Kasese camps have been sealed off from aid workers and journalists. (Reuter)

Inquiry grows Washington: The Whitewater

investigation into the business affairs of President Clinton, his wife Hillary and former business colleagues has been extended by six months (Bronwen Maddox writes). Kenneth Starr, the special prosecutor appointed to investigate the tangle of financial dealings in Arkansas, said he had "extensive" evidence of obstruction of justice.

Israeli campaign

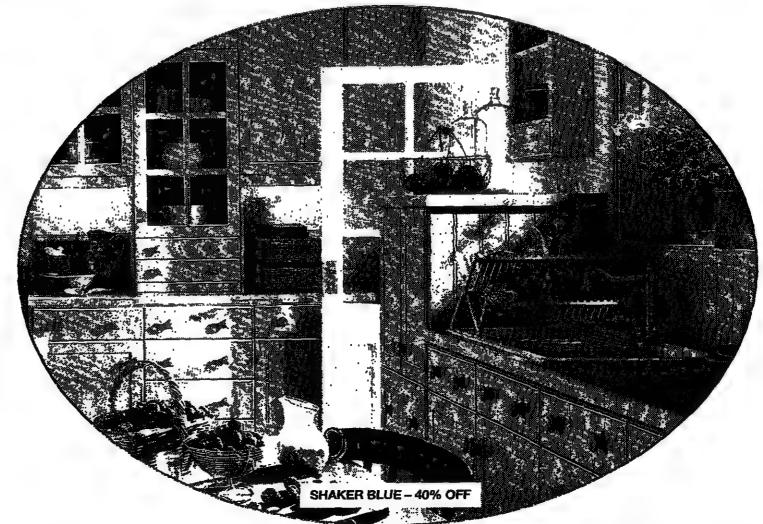
Jerusalem: Prominent Israeli lawyers and writers are leading a campaign to demand a full public inquiry into corruption allegations against Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, and other senior government figures (Ross Dunn writes). Michael Den-Yair, a former Attorney-General, said a senior judge should head a commission to uncover the whole truth about the claims or "the public will lose faith in the Government".

Jumbo blunder

Johannesburg: Kruger National Park has scrapped a birth control project for female elephants, after it caused them to have heightened sex appeal. a newspaper report said here. Elephant cows implanted with oestrogen hormones to prevent conception were left permanently on heat. (AFF)

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Why a cool

THE days when wives could be relied on to do as

they were told is long

now wish that she had listened to her husband and not dived into the

jolly lunch.

Thames for a swim after a

Even before the effects of the present low rainfall were apparent, the

Thames had been becoming

sluggish, ideal conditions for contamination with animal urine -- including that of rats - and hence

the organisms that cause

fever. About four or five days after the onset of these symptoms, many patients develop jaundice and kidney failure, together with spontaneous bleeding into

the skin and other organs, Younger people have a 5 per cent mortality rate, but this is higher in the oversixties. Most patients make a full recovery. Weil's can upset the

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The initial symptoms of the disease are headache, red eyes, muscular aches and pains and a high, intermitten

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Dr Thomas Stuttaford on why drugs should be tried before a hysterectomy; the danger of bathing in rivers; anger and the risk of a heart attack; an advance in treating an eye problem

When a woman has the right to say no

(menorrhagia) may have been unnecessarily alarmed this week by press reports about the management of their condition. A committee of gynaecologists which investigated the approach of general practitioners to menorrhagia was pleased to find that more than 50 per cent of doctors thought that surgery should always be considered a last resort. The younger the doctors, the more likely they were to recommend drug therapy first.

The committee was, however, surprised to discover that nearly one doctor in ten thought that a hysterectomy was the best routine treatment for women who had heavy periods provided that they had completed their families. Early hysterectomy may have long-term ill effects on the cardiovascular system and can be a cause of of

A precise definition of menorrhagia is difficult, since what may be heavy blood loss to one woman is quite bearable to another. The average woman loses about 60ml (12 teaspoonfuls) of blood each month and most patients will consult their doctor only if what is the normal amount for them has increased by more than 50 per cent. If the bleeding is too heavy, or too prolonged, the woman will in time become anaemic, and even the most detached doctor will realise that something is amiss. Any woman who complains of heavy menstrual bleed- sign of unrelated medical problems. It few women.

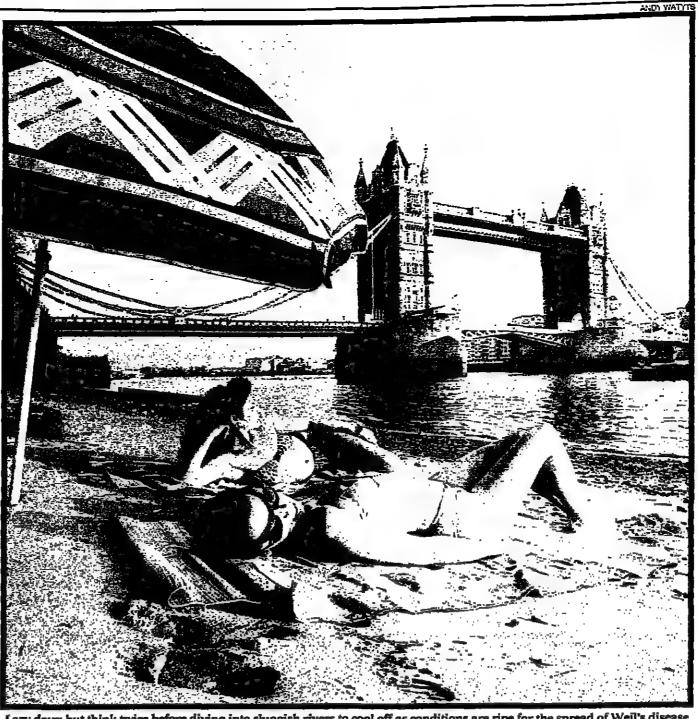
any women who suffer ing should have a blood count and from heavy periods haemoglobin estimation so that the extent of her problem may be evaluated. Heavy bleeding tends to occur at both ends of a woman's reproductive

> Although hormonal imbalance is blamed for most cases of heavy periods, they can also be the result of specific gynaecological troubles such as endometriosis, uterine fibroids, polyps or pelvic infection. It is striking how many women who complain of heavy periods in a genito-urinary clinic have pelvic inflammatory disease, and how the symptoms disappear once the infection has been cleared. Fibroids can, but do not always, cause heavy bleeding. A standard textbook, Gynae cology, edited by Professor Robert Shaw, Mr Patrick Soutter and Professor Stuart Stanton, suggests that more than half the women who have bleeding at least four times their

> average loss will have a fibroid.
>
> A DNC is often suggested in cases of unexplained heavy bleeding but the purpose is diagnostic, not curative. It is reassuring for women under the age of 40 to know that not more than one in ten thousand of them will have a cancer of the uterine lining, although by the time of the menopause, the figure may be as high as one in a One of the most common causes of

heavy periods is the intro-uterine contraceptive device, the coil.

Excessive bleeding may also be a



Lazy days: but think twice before diving into sluggish rivers to cool off as conditions are ripe for the spread of Well's disease

is always worthwhile for a doctor to check thyroid function and many patients with Cushing's disease, an abnormality of the supra-renal gland, are diagnosed in the gynaecological clinic, as are those who have defects in their blood clotting systems.

n most cases, heavy periods have no easily recognisable cause but are the result of abnormalities in hormonal balance. Bleeding in the cases where there is an imbalance described as disfunctional uterine bleeding. The committee studied the drugs prescribed by doctors and was concerned that 69 per cent of them relied heavily on the use of a progesterone preparation, which in many cases has no effect and helps comparatively

Conversely, the combined contraceptive pill is effective in reducing bleeding in 40 to 50 per cent of cases but has well-known side effects which become important once the patient is over 35. Danol, danazol, reduces bleeding in nearly 70 per cent of women, but the majority have side-effects, which in some cases make it unacceptable. Nonsteroidal, anti-inflammatory drugs are also regularly used; the favourite is Ponstan, mefenamic acid, which helps 20 to 40 per cent of women. A drug of choice might well be Cyklokapron, transxamic acid.

What the committee has shown is that neither doctors nor their patients should accept hysterectomy or endometral ablation until the possibilities of drug therapy have been thor oughly investigated.

New cure for

BLOATING, the uncomfort-

able swelling of the abdomen

after a no more than reason-

ably good meal, can be very painful and embarrassing.

Bloating may be the symptom of irritable bowel syndrome but in many cases is due to

nothing more complex than

the collection of thousands of

small bubbles in the stomach.

indigestion tablet, are now

marketing Rennie Deflatine

which they claim eases the

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contains an anti-foaming

agent Simethicone, which

breaks down all the tiny

bubbles to form one large one,

which can then be burped

away, discreetly and silently.

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So angry you could die

tinue to make newspaper headlines. Disturbing and sometimes dangerous as those outrages are, few would wish the perpetrator to die, but research shows that this could be their fate. The premature death of those people who suffer rage or inappropriate rage can be the result of a heart attack.

A study in Circulation b Dr Ichiro Kawachi and his team at the Harvard School of Public Health has explored the detrimental effect of anger (not, of course, necessarily road rage) on the coronary arteries. The research makes salutary reading for all those who are tempted to shout at inattentive waiters, officious parking-meter attendants or the ditherings of a slow but careful driver.

The study of the effects of anger on the heart shows that those who are easily incited to inappropriate rage are twice as likely to have heart disease as their contemporaries who are more laid back.

The risk of a coronary thrombosis, whether fatal or not, was still apparent even when allowance was made for other known risk factors such as blood pressure and raised blood fats, such as cholesterol and triglycerides.

There are some signs in the physical appearance of the person given to rage which should alert the slow but

careful driver to the need to lock the door when a motorist jumps out of his car to remonstrate. People who are likely to suffer from dangerous levels of anger, whether to themselves or others, tend to be younger and heavier. They also tend to smoke and drink

Rage like this is dangerous

A report on anger and its effect on health shows that it is not the average, grumpy old man who has an appreciably increased risk of a coronary, The anger which kills is, in the words of the report's authors, the type which makes the person "feel like exploding, or so constantly grouchy and irritable that they are liable to attack furniture or other

The advice to those who go

through life suffering from a temperament which, like a volcano, may explode at any moment, is to learn to control their feelings. This may seem a

hopeless project, but in a controlled group psychothera-py reduced feelings of anger by 60 per cent over 14 months. As the hostility decreased, so did the attacks of angina in those patients who also had

heart disease. The same teams of psycho therapists also found that teaching angry people with heart disease to feel more kindly about their fellows reduced by more than 50 per cent the chance that they would have a second heart

f all the characteristics 🌘 of personality associated with heart disease, it wasn't grinding ambition, competitiveness. greed or even selfishness which was dangerous. The important one was anger. Some of the success of betablockers in reducing the incidence of coronary heart disease may well be related to their ability in converting a type-A personality, who is aggressive, into a type-B person, who is accepting and

detached. The term "road rage" is unfortunate as it implies that it is a specific and quite distinct complaint. It is not a diagnosis, but an indication for



Treating glaucoma

WHEN George Harrison, a civil engineer, left Heathrow for a posting to the Far East, his wife looked lovingly into his grey-brown eyes and reminded him to use the new

eyedrops for his glaucoma. Glaucoma is a condition in which an increase in the pressure of fluid within the eyeball may obstruct blood supply to the optic nerve, causing progressive

When the civil engineer returned for his first long leave, he took his wife out for dinner. She again stared into his eyes and had a shock — they had changed colour to dark brown. Mr Harrison had been using a novel form of

eyedrop. Xalatan reduces eye pressure by increasing the outflow of the fluid, rather than restricting its production as other drops do. It is prescribed for patients with the open-

angle type of glaucoma. To be most effective, Xalatan should only be used once a day, whereas other eyedrops for glaucoma had to be inserted twice daily. And most importantly, it does not have the side-effects associated with beta-blocker

eyedrops.
The fascinating side
effect of Xalatan is that about
one in six patients finds that their eyes turn dark brown. So far as is known. this is only of cosmetic



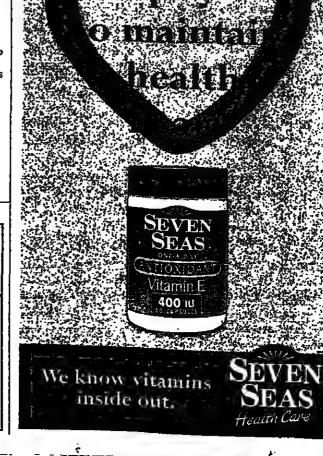
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Power, glory and the advance of the old school tie

he English ruling class is nothing if not adaptable. New Labour may be promis-ing one of the greatest constitutional upheavals this century, but in reality it is unlikely that Tony Blair will do more than readjust the knot of the old school tie that can still open doors to all the best jobs. For the notion of the old boy network -- exclusive university, the right school, family connections — shows little sign of withering away.

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If anything it is becoming more entrenched. Blue chip organisations, bewildered by the ever increasing number of graduates leaving the new universities, are turning to the trusted certainties of the established elite.

As a leading City headhunter says: "Although we do recruit outside what we call the establishment, we prefer public school types, not because they are cleverer, though they often are, but because their background offers them so many natural advantages. Their education is rounded. They can talk, they know how to conduct themselves at dinner, they can choose a good bottle of wine, they have sophisticated interests, they have been to interest-

ing and unusual places. Their families have usually been successful for several generations and so they are used to mixing with top people. They are not fazed by wealth or privilege. At least 85 per cent of the people we place are of this ilk. It takes a special person to have none of their idvantages and still break into the inner circle that runs the

country. This has led to a certain boastful complecency among some of the old school tie brigade. Simon Chapman, a former merchant banker at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, recalls a drink he had with two Old Etonians last year. They worked for a medium-sized investment bank, and delighted in its exclusivity. "One of these guys was looking for an assistant." Chapman says. He saw a letter from someone he was at school with. He turned round to his boss and said 'Look, there's an applica-



tion here from someone who used to be in my house at school.' The boss asked if he was a pukka sort of chap. My friend said yes. And his boss said 'Well, we'll have him, then.' Just like that. They seemed to find it pretty amusing; but it turned my stomach. especially as I applied to more

I got my first job in the City. I suppose, though, Alton Sixth Form College does not have quite the ring of Eton College." During the high

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privilege and transform the country. Equality of opportunity was the banner under which the Thatcherites marched, even though there were more Old Etonians (43) than women (42) in the House of Commons on the eve of the 1992 general election - 13 years after Mar-

garet Thatcher came to power. In truth, the new meritocranever really came to pass. The judiciary imore than 30 of the 39 top judges went to public school), the higher grades of the civil service (all the ambassadors in the 15 most important overseas missions are from public school), publishing, the City - all tend to be dominated by a largely self-perpetuating public-

qualifications that count in the jobs market, bosses now openly admit, but the colour of your tie. Jason Cowley reports

school, Oxbridge-educated oligarchy. Like the members of a caste, these people recognise their own and instinctively are drawn to one another.

Tim Devlin, author of Old School Ties, regrets the enduring influence of what he calls the old boy network, but feels it offers employers a series of markers through the labyrinth of the recruitment process. "When jobs are scarce and the

graduates in-'I've never there is something to be said for knowing the back-ground and pedigree of a person. The public schools and Oxbridge tend to have the stamp of quality." Stuart Burrows.

29, an English writer and aca-University, New Jersey, emigrated to the United States five years ago because he "kept hitting the glass ceiling of the Bromley, Kent, where he attended a "decent" comprehensive. After gaining three grade A A levels he applied to Hertford College, Oxford. His interview, for which he felt completely ill-prepared, was a disaster. "I was totally flummoxed; I didn't know what to expect. These haughty dons just looked at me with disdain,

H.G. Wells-type. I suppose, in some ways I was. Clearly. I was out of my depth." When he returns to England, Burrows despairs at how he can "classify people as soon as they open their mouth" and how at parties or functions "people's faces glaze over as soon as they hear what univer-

as if I was some uncouth

suburbanite, a bumptious

sity I went to". He feels nevertheless that the power of the "old school tie" s exaggerated, especially as the irreverent younger generation is sceprical of deference and hierarchy. Still, he felt he

had to emigrate if his career was to progress. "Since progress. arriving in America I've never once

been asked about my school. That is a liberation. Another headhunter, Lynn Beaumont, managing director of the Foundry, is critical of any rival firm which perpetuates a clandestine custom of patronage that discards the talented but poorly connected like Stuart Burrows. "If you want an example of nepotism at its worst, then look no further than City headhunters - most of whom have to rely on their address books to make a career," she says.

The clandestine custom of patronage of which Beaumont complains is rooted in what the former Conservative MP George Walden calls our "sclerotic two-nation education system". He insists that we will never have "good state education in Britain, or grown-up

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facto apartheid system between state and private schools, and while the most influential 7 per cent of people in the country have no personal interest in what happens to the other 93 per cent. If they change of ghost in the mach-

ine. As it is, why bother?"
Why indeed? Well, perhaps because in no other European country do the moneyed and professional classes utterly reject the system of education used by the majority, "In no modern democracy except Britain is tribalism in education so entrenched," Walden

The public schools account for more than 50 per cent of all Oxbridge graduates.A recent survey of a century of entries in Who's Who shows that 40 per cent of the country's most influential citizens are Oxbridge alumni compared with fewer than 20 per cent of the

The barriers to entry into the legal profession, for example, have become more numersince many local authorities stopped awarding discretionary grants to stu-dents sitting Law Society exams: in 1990, 80 per cent of law students received a post-graduate grant compared with fewer than 10 per cent last

In 1994, the Minerva Network, the country's largest "old-girl network", was established. Alison Graham, the director, says the network offers women with a shared educational background the opportunity to meet for both career and social contacts. counter one system of exclusion by creating another reiterates the influence of class.

Hilary Williams, 53, decided to join after she "ran into the wall of the old boy club" while working at British Gas. As the most senior woman in the southwest region, she was widely tipped to become the woman director. But, in 1990, after a restructuring exercise, she was the only person on her grade to be

"My job was eventually awarded to an old friend of my boss. I was very bitter because I felt my job was taken away from me precisely because I was not part of the club, not part of the inner male circle that ran the company and

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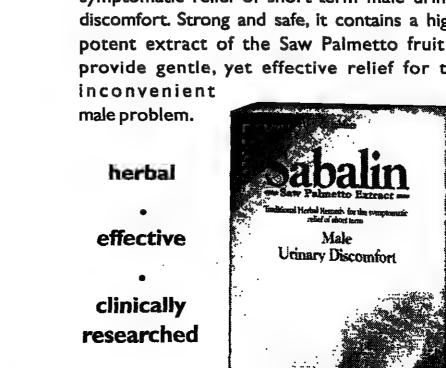
looked after its own. This was a case of old-fashioned nepotism." Ms Williams

awarded £8,000 after an indemocracy is dustrial tribunal ruled that she had been the victim of "institutionalised discrimination". What the coun-

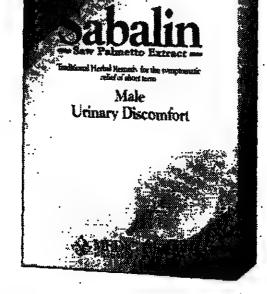
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prejudice, argues the cultural critic Martin lacques, is a new elite, one informed by a different, more radical set of values - meritocracy, social diversity, experimentation, internationalism and innovation. But Jacques doubts that Tony Blair, a resolutely public school and Oxbridge man whose "kitchen Cabinet" is full of people like himself, is likely to be the harbinger of change. Jacques adds: "We may think that we are about to enter a period of radical transformation, but no ruling elite of any other nation has enjoyed such extraordinary longevity and continuity as the

British Establishment." In other words, you might find that in Blair's Britain all the old "no entry" signs are still in place.



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There were more Old Etonians than women in the House of Commons on the eve of the 1992 general election

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Tighten belts for Brown's June Budget

Tim Congdon expects tax rises,

loose money and sterling crises

Then the Conservaclear and distinctive macroeconomic programme: to reduce inflation by controlling the quantity of money. When Labour comes to power a week tomorrow (as seems almost certain), no one - perhaps not even Tony Blair and Gordon Brown - will be entirely sure about its macro-economic

The Labour leaders say they would maintain the present Government's inflation target, to keep the annual increase in the retail price index below 212 per cent. But by itself this amounts merely to a declaration against sin. No guidance has been given about the controversial choice between different methods of inflation-

control The crucial issue is whether Labour wants to control inflation by basing policy on dom-estic economic variables or by targeting the exchange rate. A focus on domestic variables could be either highly prag-matic, with policymakers "looking at everything" before deciding interest rates, or dogmatic, based on an almost exclusive focus on the quantity of money (so-called "monetarism") or on some other variable. Since sterling's expulsion from the exchange-rate mechanism in 1992, policy has been based on domestic variables. and has been very much at the pragmatic end of the

Nothing in the past back-ground of the current Labour leaders suggests much interest in "-isms", with perhaps two exceptions. First, if Mr Brown can be accused of any "-ism", it is mild and vague Euroenthusiasm. A reasonable assumption is that he will want to preserve parts of the pragmatic, look-at-everything approach to policymaking of the past five years, but to add a European dimension.

He may wish to rejoin the exchange-rate mechanism. Membership could be presented as a friendly overture to eventual participation in mon-etary union. The immediate difficulty would be to determine the right exchange rate at which to rejoin the mechanism. Much of the discussion about the virtues of a "low" or "high" rate wrongly credits governments with the ability to determine exchange rates. In practice, the government at the time of the entry -

warts, misalignment, and all. Of course, a newly-elected Labour government might try to manipulate the rate for a few months before fixing a figure for ERM purposes. The pound currently stands at roughly 2.80 marks and \$1.60: it is more than 15 per cent higher in trade-weighted terms than it was last summer; indeed, it is more expensive against most of the world currencies than during the last period of ERM membership. Against this background, there are no prizes for guessing where Labour would like

the pound to go. Mr Brown would of course want the pound to fall. Exchange-rate depreciation would suit the trade unions, because it would enhance their ability to press for higher wage claims, and it would pander to Labour's prejudices in favour of manufacturing, exports and investment. It would also be in accordance with the bulk of the advice that Labour is likely to receive from

most British economists. Mr Brown has already said that he would like his first Budget to come soon after the election. The obvious strategy would be to combine a tight fiscal policy with a loose monetary policy. The tight fiscal policy would be designed to dampen the current boomlet in consumption and the housing market, while the main expression of a loose monetary policy would be the low interest rates needed to deter the foreign investors

What, precisely, would a "tight fiscal policy" mean? Here the Labour leaders' second "-ism" becomes relevant. Over the past few years, left-inclined thinkers have complained that British industry suffers from "short-termism" This has never been properly defined; the idea is not based on a substantial and coherent body of thought, and it may amount to little more than a fad. Nevertheless, a critique of short-termism will be as much an intellectual theme of Labour's early Budgets as

monetarism was in the Bud-

gets of 1979 and 1980.

in particular, Mr Brown seems likely to discourage the growth of dividends (which go to the City") and to encourage the retention of profits (which "help long-term investment"). The Labour manifesto says that the present system of taxing company profits and capital gains ought to be reviewed. A possible measure is to halve the present rate of advance corporation tax. This would hit pension funds quite badly, but for most members of the general public it would be invisible.

f combined with a windfall tax on the utilities and the probable abolition of tax relief on mortgage interest, this would increase taxes by more than E5 billion a year. (The windfall tax would presumably fall in this fiscal year: the other tax changes would start to produce revenue next year and thereafter.) Moreover, Mr Brown could cut the deficit by these means, while respecting all of Labour's pledges to leave the standard rates of personal tax

But mild Euro-enthusiasm and a critique of shorttermism cannot in themselves establish a strikingly new economic policy. At an intellectual level they are so meagre and marginal as scarcely to challenge the existing macro-economic framework. The serious danger under Labour is that most members of the new Cabinet will be so seduced by "Europe" and "the euro" that monetary policy will again become centred on the exchange rate. Squabbles about the "right" exchange rate, and rows about the timing of and need for devaluation, might then disfigure the next Labour administration, as they did the Wilson Government of 1964-70

Government of 1974-79.



DOZENS OF HOSTAGES HELD FOR MONTHS IN FIGHT-TO-THE-DEATH...

How to vote sceptically

vote? The question, I suspect, is even harder in France than it is here. though I think some anti-fascist French Eurosceptics may find themselves voting for Lionel Jospin as the least of some very disturbing evils. One has first to ask what one means by Eurosceptic. I include pro-Europe-ans like myself who opposed the exchange-rate mechanism and Maastricht and are strongly against the single currency, as well as those of more extreme views who would like Britain to withdraw to a Norwegian or Swiss role outside the EU.

The Referendum Party is right to

argue that this is the most important issue of the 1997 election. Every other policy will be reversible. If the electorate does not like the result of electing a particular party in terms of taxation, health or education, there will be a chance to turn the next government out in live years' time and to change that policy. If Britain agrees to enter the single currency, or to further extensions of majority voting. there will not be a second chance. At best. Britain could eventually be forced to leave the EU altogether; at worst. Britain would become one of the moderately influential states of a United States Europe, a sort of European Massachussetts. The Referendum Party's greatest contribution to the debate has been to persuade many people that Europe is the decisive issue.

However, the Referendum Party is a party not of government but of protest. It is not going to win the election, and would not be able to govern if it did. The great danger from a Eurosceptic's point of view is that it will draw off a few vital votes from Eurosceptic candidates and help to elect candidates who will go along with the single currency. Plainly the Referendum Party should not be opposing David Heathcoat Amory in Wales; he resigned as a minister because he believed there was a need to renegotiate the Euro-pean settlement. The Referendum Party should have supported all the Eurosceptic sitting members; its failure to do so is a further reason to rule it out as the most effective vote in most constituencies. The UK Independence Party is open to the same objection. Where there is a Eurosceptic candidate from a major party with reasonable support, Eurosceptic voters should give him their vote, however much sympathy they may

A Euro-doubter can't trust Major or Blair — but look at the parties

have for the motives of the two small

Eurosceptic parties.

One can rule out the Liberal Democrats. Though Paddy Ashdown says that he is opposed to the creation of a European superstate, the Liberal Democrats are in favour of the single currency, which is one of the foundations of such a state. They profess not to want a United States of Europe, but are happy to go ever further down the road which can only lead to that result. The same willingness to accept the next stage of the advance to federalism is to be found in the SNP. No one who values the independence of

Britain, or indeed of Scotland, can vote for either of these two parties without the risk of giving it away. Their influence could be particularly dangerous if there were a hung Parliament.

The question therefore comes down to a choice between the two main parties. Each has adopted the same, inadequate policy towards the single currency of "negotiate and decide" (or 'wait and see"). This is unsatisfactory because it implies that one could choose a single currency on purely economic grounds, without taking a giant step towards the single European state. That is not true. It is certain that the motivations of the Franco-German architects of the single currency have been and are political rather than purely economic. No Eurosceptic, however moderate, ought to accept the "wait and see" policy. This constitutes a deliberate political decision by both the major parties to keep open the single currency option which every Euro-sceptic must want to see closed. To that extent it is offensive to be asked to vote for either party, when neither

willing to make a frank decision. It is also hard to be asked to vote for John Major, at least in European terms. He took Britain into the exchange-rate mechanism, which did great economic damage before we were forced out. He signed the Maastricht treaty, failed to publish it before the 1992 election, forced it through Parliament without a referendum, and has consistently refused to rule out British entry into a single currency. No Eurosceptic can be happy about that record. He even gave us Jacques Santer as President of the Commission. The Prime Minister's European record is one of the substantive reasons why the Conservatives are still so far behind in the polls. Many Tories want to forget that for the period of the election, but it is an important consideration.

As against that, there is the present position of Tony Blair. He has adroity shifted his position and his party's from a sort of low-grade Eurofanaticism - from which his predecessor.

> fered more acutely - to a politic exdression of ger eralised opposition to Euro-federalism. We want a Europe where national identities are not

submerged and where countries co-operate together. not a giant and unmanageable European superstate run from the centre." He adds. "I am a British parriot." Yet he is a British patriot who stands on a policy of waiting to see whether a single currency is in Britain's economic interest; he has no objection in principle to the sacrifice of Britain's political integrity. This means that he is willing to take the next and irreversible step towards the creation of "a giant and unmanageable European superstate run from the centre". Tony Blair often says that this election is a question of trust; a Eurosceptic cannot trust either John Major's record or Tony Blair's

ne has to look beyond the leaders, at the parties. in this campaign, the Tory Eurofanatics have been pushed into a richly deserved ob-livion. Kenneth Clark would not be the Chancellor of the Exchequer in any future Conservative government; Michael Heseltine sketched that silly cartoon: Ted Heath bas about as much remaining influence as Edwina Currie. The Tory Eurofanatics cannot even threaten to form a fifth party, since they could not expect to hold a single seat. As

Lord's to Henley, sketchbook per-

manently to hand. Next month,

Belgravia sees the fruits of his stint

in the hospitality tents. His first solo exhibition of paintings is enti-tled "Eclectic Similarities: An Art-

Though still best known for his

parts in such cult films as Blow

Up. Hernmings has been doing ever more painting in between act-

ing jobs. Speaking from his Batter-

sea atelier, he says his latest work

has been the most fun: "I just love watching the English upper class-

ist's View of the Season".

es. So quirky.

The most important decision of the campaign has been John Major's statement that he would allow Tory MPs a free vote on a single currency. I believe him when he says that the experience of Europe has shifted his views towards Euroscepticism; but I would attach far more weight to the views of future Conservative Members of Parliament. Great numbers of the candidates have revolted against the "wait and see" policy. The Tory party in the next Parliament, whether arge or small, will be a mainly Eurosceptic party. If enough Conservarives are elected, Britain will not slide into a subordinate role in the Franco-German superstate. Having had the courage to revolt against the nonsense of their own manifesto in the middle of an election campaign, these Conservative Members will not again be turned round towards

Eurofederal policies. When one looks at the Ladout Side there has been no comparable revolt against the single currency or against the contemptible policy of "wait and see - but don't tell the electorate". The Daily Telegraph has been surveying Labour candidates. The more naive of them have openly admitted what is going on. Daria Taylor, the Labour candidate for Stockton South, says: "We are not supposed to answer any of these questions on Europe." Margaret Hodge, the candidate for Barking, says: "Have you called Millbank?" In high pique, Tom Levitr's press officer says: "We have been advised that Tom will not be speaking to you." It is advice given by Labour central office. John Hutton, the candidate for Barrow-in-Furness. says of the single currency: "I'm not going to answer.

Millbank, of course, means Peter Mandelson, a vice-president (alongside Edwina Currie) of the European Movement. There are three reasons why one cannot trust Labour on Europe: the great spin-doctor is a Eurofanatic; the leader is bouncing ever higher on the fence as though if were a trampoline; and the candidates do not have the guts to make up their own minds. No party is satisfactory from a Eurosceptic point of view. But most of the Tory candidates now share the great post-Maastricht re-vulsion against Euro-federalism which has taken place in the electorate: the Labour candidates have been gagged. On the supreme issue of Europe, one can trust the Tories more or less; one cannot trust Labour at all.

Wrecker on the woolsack

Can Mackay block

the Scots, asks

Magnus Linklater

By this time next week, a pro-cess will have begun which could take us back to the heady days of 1910 — the last election when the constitution, in Lloyd George's words, was "on the ballot paper". The crisis then was prompted by a House of Lords decision to block the Government's Finance Bill after it had been passed by the Commons. This time, the signal is more subtle. It comes from the present Lord Chancellor, who has indicated that the Lords might resort to similar tactics to wreck Labour's plans for devolution.
It is a remarkable intervention,
Lord Mackay of Clashfern is not only
a Scot himself, but a canny lawyer with a reputation for lofty detachment from the narrow bracket of party politics. An apocryphal story has it that when he was offered the job, his friend the late John Smith, rang him up and said: "Congratulations, James - I didn't know you were a Tory." To which he replied: 'Neither did I." As he steps down from the woolsack, he certainly carries with him an impressive degree of cross-party respect.

Which is why the view he has just expressed is so startling. It goes beyond anything said by John Major or the Scottish Secretary Michael Forsyth, and appears to challenge the right of the Scottish electorate to decide its own constitutional future. Lord Mackay would protest that this grossly overstates his position. But let us see: In the course of an interview with The Scotsman on Tuesday, he said that the House of Lords would be justified in challenging the Bill Labour has promised to hold a referendum on Scottish devolution. To get it through in time, Labour may need to dispense with the normal practice of discussing the details in a committee of the whole House. This is not, remember, legislation for the future governance of Scotland, just the preliminary referendum bill Nevertheless, in Lord Mackay's view, peers should challenge it because it may not have been debated line by line on the floor of the Commons.

If this were the case, the Lords would be justified in scrutinising the Bill in detail themselves, so delaying it well beyond the prescribed time. The effect would be to overturn the very first pledge of a Blair government — to give the Scottish pe referendum on Home Rule within its first year of office - and it flies directly in the face of a basic rule. The Salisbury Convention, drawn up by the sixth Marquess of Salisbury under Attlee's Government, lays down that Tory peers may use their inbuilt majority to amend, but not to defeat legislation for which the electorate has clearly voted.

ord Mackay is going well beyond this. In the course of his interview he comes out with a clear party line: "I have always maintained that the real power remains in Westminster. What you do if you create a Scottish parliament is create a focus for disenchantment in Scotland with what's being done in the Parliament at Westminster. That's why I think it is a serious threat." The implication is clear: whatever choice Scottish voters make on May I, a referendum to give them the final say must be fought, delayed. and if necessary stopped. In support of his case Lord Mackay maintains that the Salisbury rules allow this to happen, simply because of the magnitude of what is being proposed.

But the legal technicalities he uses to argue his case will be lost on most Scottish voters. They have been pressing for devolution for as long as any of us can remember. They have been warned about its dangers, told that the West Lothian Question is an insuperable barrier, reminded that it could be the slippery slope to independence, repeatedly harangued about the "tartan tax". Despite all this, most will opt on election day for parties committed to the introduction of a Scottish parliament. Further-more they are likely, in my view, to vote "yes" in a future referendum. To say that they are "sleepwalking" into devolution is condescending and ignores the passion with which the issue has been debated in Scotland and the detail in which it has been examined. Most Scots know what they want, and they expect their politi-cians to solve the problems ahead.

A traditional Tory party would

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long ago have recognised this demo-cratic impulse and found a quiet way to reflect it. All the great reforms the creation of a Scottish Secretary, the independence of the Scottish Office, the size of the block grant have been introduced by Conservative administrations. The only reason a Scottish parliament has been opposed is that Margaret Thatcher announced her opposition to it in 1981. Since then the status quo has

been holy writ, and the Scottish

Tories have been reduced to a rump. No one doubts that the problems arising from this massive constitutional shift must be debated every inch of the way by a responsible opposition. But if Lord Mackay, with all the weight of his office, is indicating that the Tories will contest the settled will of the Scottish people even to the point of opposing their right to vote on their own future, he need not be surprised if, by the early hours of May 2, his party has simply disappeared through the floorboards.

Buy, buy

LABOUR PARTY workers are being shamelessly encouraged into buying copies of their party anthem, Things Can Only Get Better by D-ream. The effect will be to push it up the charts. The move has echoes of the vote-rigging row over last year's Today programme Man of the Year poll, which led to Tony Blair's disqualification.

On Tuesday afternoon, Maggie National Executive Council since 1994, was spotted with another member of the Millbank staff taking orders from office colleagues for copies of the record, which was re-released at the beginning of this week. A source inside Millbank said: They were planning to go to the record shop and buy them in bulk." The idea, my source sug-gests, "was to boost the sales and influence the charts".

Jones, however, denied trying to influence the charts: "I simply went round and collected money from my colleagues and placed an order with the distributors. The CDs will be delivered and handed out on that basis." Yesterday afternoon, however, bags from Our Price, Tower Records and Virgin were

record company, East West Records, confirms that "in the first

done surprisingly well".

The Referendum Party should try a similar ploy. Its anthem Let the People Decide, by the Rabble Army, released on April 14, has thudded into the charts at No 110.

 New York's Labour supporters gathered to discuss their party's



"Can you keep me stranded



chances last night in the exceedingly swish surroundings of Pent-house B at the Royalton Hotel. The menu was bangers and mash — though the over-designed Royal-ton's concept of the meal would not be recognisable in Barnsley. Here. a sausage means Toulouse, mustard means Dijon and the mash, like the socialism, has the consistency of semolina

Bottom line

THE DEATH yesterday of Denis Compton brought a tear to the eye of Sir Colin Cowdrey, the former England captain who shared a couple of Test innings with the Brylcreemed batsman in the 1950s. Though an angel at the wicket, Compton was a devil back in the locker room, where his peg was al-

ways beside Cowdrey's for alpha-

"I'd end up losing my shirt, my socks — whole wardrobes of the stuff, even my underwear. Not even my Cash's nametapes Compton famously turned up at Lord's still wearing his dinner jacket after a helty night's play. But one garment was never touched

betical reasons. "He never had any

clothes, so he just used to pinch mine," said Cowdrey yesterday.

says Cowdrey. "My trews. They'd never have fitted — my bottom was much bigger than his."

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the actor David Hemmings shuffling from Ascot to Goodwood,





David Hemmings: artist, and now a seasoned campaigner



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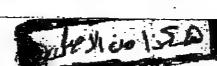
Flick, who recently separated from Muck Flick, the Mercedes-Benz heir, has now been paid her di-vorce settlement of around £30 million. The gold-tap brigade is anticipating a party.

Donatella, one of London's top

society hostesses, has told friends to keep free an evening in early June. It may be one of her musical evenings, but the high-rollers believe that she is planning a

house-warming.

Last year she bought the £5 million house in Knightsbridge where Winston Churchill lived, and decorators have been laying acres of Carrera marble.







POLLS APART

Both parties might prefer a narrower lead

"Nightmare on Major Street" was to be the theme of this morning's Labour Party press conference. Yesterday an ICM poll for The Guardian showed Labour's lead almost evaporating to five points. So a fifth Tory term, that had previously seemed a fantasy. had turned into a possibility to be contemplated and challenged. Part of the art of campaign management is to take advantage of bad news. But now our MORI poll suggests good news for Labour - with the Tories down five points to 27 per cent and Labour 21 points ahead on 48 per cent. Which is the voter to believe?

Fluctuations in the polls during an election campaign, usually about ten days before the day itself, seem to play a traditional part in British politics. Who can forget "wobbly Thursday" in the 1987 campaign, when even Margaret Thatcher lost her nerve for a day? When pollsters ask 1,000 people for their views, they have a 95 per cent chance of reflecting the opinion of the whole electorate within a band of three per cent each way. In other words, a 30 per cent finding for the Tories suggests nationwide support of between 27 and 33 per cent. But on average one poll in 20 is likely to be way out of line.

So was the ICM one of those "rogues"? Or is ours? Until several other polls have been conducted, it is hard to tell conclusively. But so far our MORI findings seem more in line with those from other polling organisations. including Gallup's daily rolling poll for The Daily Telegraph. Our figures for the Tories are a little low, perhaps, but the overall picture, of a large, steady Labour lead, is

likely to be confirmed. Oddly, though, the ICM findings suited both main parties better. The poll will have helped to boost Tory morale, both at the top of the party and on the stump. Nothing is more dejecting than fighting a battle that seems hopeless. In the Labour camp, there was cheer yesterday, too. A close race should

encourage Labour supporters to turn out and vote, particularly those who are unenamoured by Tony Blair but would hate even more to see John Major back.

Labour wants to focus floating voters' minds on what might happen should the Conservatives actually win. There has arguably been too little consideration of the Tories' prospects in government - just because the idea has so often seemed so farfetched. The party itself seems to be assuming defeat. Its leadership contenders jostle for position and its candidates drift inexorably from the official line on the single currency. The latter must have calculated that they were more likely to lose their seats than to serve under another Major administration - and that, under a Eurosceptical leader, their actions were more likely to be rewarded than punished.

If voters are to make a fair and considered choice on May I. they ought to be asking themselves how another live Tory years would look. Would the party continue to be riven by feuding? Would Mr Major be forced to become more sceptical, or would he be replaced? In either eventuality, what would happen to Ken Clarke? And would the Government be able to tap a new vein of competence, or would ministers continue to stumble on, tripping up over unexpected events? When Labour asks where the money will come from for Tory policies such as the transfer of tax allowances, it is easy to laugh at the tables being turned. But the question still deserves to be addressed.

Labour too has some clearer answers to give. Mr Blair's increasingly relaxed and confident demeanour has improved his party's campaign. He has even loosened his style enough to inspire audiences with his oratory. But he is still tight-lipped on the two most important issues for the next Parliament: devolution and the single currency. Between now and May I, the voters want to hear cool clarity, not warm words.

AFTER THE SIEGE

How Peru's President should use his success

The dramatic end to the siege of the Japanese residence in Lima has been greeted with jubilation in Peru, relief in Japan and admiration by terrorist experts around the world. The operation was a masterpiece of meticulous planning, subterfuge and skilful execution. Two of the troops storming the residence were killed, and one of the Peruvian hostages later died of a heart attack. But the rescue alive of 71 hostages after an ordeal that lasted 126 days is a political and military triumph that will boost the standing of President Fujimori throughout Latin America. It will also send a grim message to all other terrorists using urban violence to further their cause.

The challenge thrown down by the Tupac Amaru was unprecedented. The capture of so many high-ranking hostages, including ambassadors, ministers, Peru's Foreign Minister and even the brother of the President, ruled out an immediate military response. The terrorists believed that they had already won a moral victory by forcing a notoriously hardline President, whose reputation rested on his boast that he could eliminate terrorism from his country, to negotiate. But the hostage-takers made several mistakes which were intelligently exploited by the Peruvian Government.

By holding ambassadors and diplomats from so many countries they involved most of the world in their actions. Terrorist experts, advisers and special forces including the SAS - were immediately put at Senor Fujimori's disposal. The terrorists also believed that, by settling in for a long siege and not executing any hostage, they would forestall a military rescue and increase the political pressure on Peru,

especially by Japan. Instead, they gave the Peruvian special forces invaluable time to prepare: to dig tunnels, map the residence layout and locate the terrorists and the remaining hostages. And by sticking to the demand that the Government free some 400 fellow Tupac Amaru prisoners, they virtually ruled out any political solution.

President Fujimori is now savouring his triumph. The success of the rescue has justified his refusal to warn the Japanese Government of his plans — a snub which may long rankle in Tokyo but which sends a useful message that Japan's reputation for pusillanimous capitulation to terrorism has won it little respect abroad. He now has a choice. If he is unwise, he will use his new power and popularity to consolidate an already autocratic style of government. He will regard his unfinished fight against terrorism as the priority for the rest of his term, knowing that the threat from the Tupac Amaru is not over and the Maoist Shining Path, though for the moment dormant, is still a real threat to Peru's impoverished villagers.

If, however, Señor Fujimori is to achieve lasting influence and greatness, he should use his new stature to force through some of the democratic and social reforms so needed by his country. In the fight against terrorism, gross abuses have crept into the legal system, many basic rights have been overturned and the conditions in which prisoners are held are often abysmal. The President does not need to show magnanimity to terrorists: but he can do much to ensure that new enemies of democracy no longer breed among the slums of Lima or in the shadow of political repression.

THE COMPTON CLASS

Cricket needs fun and sunshine as well as results and the Ashes

Other cricketers (very few, and most of them are dead) have left more records for the timeless scorers of Wisden. But none has left the afterglow of charm of Denis Compton in the folk memory, even 50 years after his golden summer of 1947. Speciators who saw him in his pomp then are now outnumbered by those for whom he is only a legend. But he has become one of the foundation legends of the game that lives on its history as well as

on the prospects of each returning summer. Cricketers can be divided into Cavaliers or Roundheads. The game needs both. And the grind of the modern game seems to need rude mechanicals as well. Close, Boycott and Trevor Bailey were Roundheads, Botham, Gower and Dexter were Cavaliers. But in the England XI of all time, the captain of the Cavaliers is Denis Compton. He was the first of England's sporting superstars. Perhaps somebody will play for England younger or make a Test century earlier. But modern fixture lists make it fantasy that the same man could also win FA Cup and league championship medals with Arsenal and play football for England.

The yellowing scorebooks are startling enough. But it is style as well as centuries that make a legend. After six grim years of war the golden boy charmed the nation as well as winning Tests. The athletic schoolboy, whose mother wanted him to take a steady town-hall job, created a year-round sporting career at Highbury in the winter and in the summer with the MCC ground

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staff. His period good looks advertised Brylcreem from the nation's billboards.

And because he clearly played for pleasure, Compton gave pleasure. The playboy was known to turn up for a Test still in evening dress, or to advance down the wicket to the fast bowler while he was still running up. His technique gave him that precise cover drive, while his reflexes made the cheekiest of late cuts from far out of the crease. He was famous for walking at once when the umpire's finger was raised, and while he joked with the opposition he never sledged them. He was the only batsman in the history of the game to have called his partner for a single and to have wished him the best of luck at the same time. Compton's first call was an opening bid, a tentative statement of policy. The second one was a basis for negotiation. So the dialogue from the striker's end might go: "Yes... wait...

no...oh! God!...sorry!" No hero could have made those scores without steely determination and skill beneath the charm. It is possible that Compton might not have fared as well in the siege and bombardment of the modern game even though he scored well enough against Lindwall and Miller. He would be cheering for England to regain the Ashes at last this year, as he helped them to in 1953. Spectators will vote for that. Even more they long for another Cavalier so bold that hardened professionals left the dressing-room to watch as he walked out to the wicket.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

the farmers' vote

From Sir Simon Gourlay

Sir. Over the last few years the effect of the Government's lack of positive policies for agriculture has proved disastrous for farmers and consumers

This has been most painfully demunstrated in the BSE crisis, the most important issue for British agriculture since the Second World War. Ineptitude and day-by-day crisis management over the last ten years have cost farmers and the taxpayer billions of pounds, and yet the whole of the beef ndustry is still reeling.

In Europe the Government has failed even more abjectly. The ban on the export of British beef is still in place, despite the Prime Minister's promises that it would be lifted by November last year. Six months on there has been absolutely no progress in lifting the ban and in the meantime imports of beef from Germany and Holland twhere they now also have BSE) are ruining our domestic market.

I believe that through these failures the Conservatives have forfeited the right to the support of the farming community, Labour, with its clear and constructive proposals (recently published in Reforming the Common Agricultural Policy) and its commitment to an effective, independent food standards agency, presents us with an opportunity to regain terra firma. We should take it.

Yours faithfully SIMON GOURLAY National Farmers' Union, 1986-91) Maryvale Farms, Hill House Farm, Knighton, Powys. April 18.

Labour and schools

From Sir Robert Balchin

Sir, Your leading article, "Parents and politics" (April 16), suggests that "Labour has no intention of abolishing ... grant-maintained schools." In fact, Labour's most recent education publication, Diversity and Excellence, lists ways in which grant-maintained status for schools will indeed be abolished.

Such schools will be forced to relinquish up to 10 per cent of their funds, which will be given to the local authority. All funding, including capital funding, will be redirected through the authority.

appointees will made to the schools' governing bodies; admissions will be "within a consultative partnership* and the schools will be inspected by local authorities.

Tony Blair's education speech (report. April 15) revealed no change to plans which would inevitably force reacher redundancies as cash is rerouted to local councils to fritter away on unwanted bureaucracy.

Yours truly. BOB BALCHIN (Chairmani The Grant-Maintained Schools Foundation. 36 Great Smith Street, Westminster, SWL

From Mr Victor Serebriakoff

Sir. Many of the changes that new Labour has made in its education poliries are to be welcomed, but there remains a strong element of the overegalitarian trend from the past.

However unfair it may seem it is hetter for all concerned to spend more on highly motivated, able children than on those for whom the late stages of education are a waste of time, when they might better be trained for a suit-

We do not train top-class athletes, musicians, dancers and sportsmen in exactly the same way and at the same cost as we train office workers and

Yours truly, VICTOR SEREBRIAKOFF (President. The Mensa Foundation for Gifted Children), Flat One. o The Paragon, SE3.

From Mr Peter Hitchens

Sir, Your leader says Labour has no intention of abolishing grant-main-tained or church schools. Quite true: it plans to dilute them.

Labour says it will restore the Department of Education guidelines on school admissions, which state, in paragraph 42, that church schools should take care to ensure that interviews are used only to judge religious suitability. and that their purpose is made clear in their written admission policies. Governing hodies may otherwise be vulnerable to criticism that judgments about a child's suitability were based on social, ethnic or academic

The London Oratory's prospectus states that all applicants will be interviewed, adding:

The interview is an important and decisive part of the admission procedure and its main function is to assess whether the aims, attitudes, values and expectations of the parents and the boy are in harmony with those of the school.

The Oratory's existing character disciplined, academically rigorous and very different from most comprehensives run by Labour education authorities — has been achieved at least partly through these interviews. Yours sincerely.

PETER HITCHENS (Assistant Editor). 245 Blackfriars Road, SEI,

Tory 'failures' and No accord in Church of England on homosexuality

From Mr Richard Ashton

Sir, It must be comforting for beleaguered Tory party supporters to know that there is always one great national institution which is even more prone to grotesque forms of self-injury. I refer of course to the Church of England, and in particular to the letter today from the Archdeacon of Southwark, who frankly admits that his sexuality is a force that can only be indulged, not controlled.

While we may admire his honesty, the suggestion that self-gratification should be the basis for a moral posi-tion comes ill from a leader of the Christian community. For those who believe that sexuality is not so much a source of pleasure and pain, but a gift from God to be used for his glory and our salvation, might I suggest a re-reading of Pope Paul VI's Humanae Vitue. Much abused by the Sixties generation, it contains a timely message of hope not to be heard lately from liberal Anglicanism.

Yours truly.
RICHARD ASHTON, 5 Farm Lane. Old Hall Green, Ware. Hertfordshire.

From the Reverend Malcolm Johnson

Sir, I found it a very refreshing experience listening to a former chairman of the Church of England's Doctrine Commission, Bishop John Baker, take such a positive view of homosexual relationships at a meeting in London (report, April 22).

Now is the time for other bishops who take a similar view to issue a joint statement following the example of 23 bishops of the Episcopalian Church in the US who declared in 1979 that they

saw "a redeeming quality" in gay and

If our bishops speak out individ-ually they will be rubbished by the tabloid press and blackmailed by their fundamentalist clergy, who will threaten to withdraw funds.

The present Bench of Bishops seems obsessed by the need to speak with one voice, whereas many of us know that on this and other subjects there is difference of opinion. Why wait until retirement to speak honestly and openly?

Yours faithfully: MALCOLM JOHNSON, Swan House, 43 Strawberry Vale. Twickenham, Middlesev. April 22

From the Reverend Alastair Thom Sir. The Archdeacon of Southwark argues for gay "marriages" on the grounds that he would find celibacy difficult. I find it difficult to love my enemies, but I do not therefore reject that teaching of Jesus for myself or for others. God's laws were given as a

blessing, not a curse. Those who wish to abandon the Christian Scriptures should admit it and not seek to remain in authority

Yours faithfully. ALASTAIR G. THOM. Church House. Howes Close, Mountfield Road, N3. April 22

From Mr Timothy H. Jones

within the Church.

Sir, Bishop Baker, the former Bishop of Salisbury, may be right to assert that there are some moral issues in human relationships where universal laws cannot be applied. That is presumably why the House of Bishops in 1991 stated, rather courageously in my

based on Shaw's play Pygmalion, but

negotiated the highest royalty per-

centage for it by agreeing to the out-

rageous demand of the impresarios

opinion, that gay relationships are acceptable among the lairy.

However, I would venture to say that the bishop is unwise to suggest that men and women who are practising homosexuals should be admitted to the priesthood. This is an entirely different matter and is theologically and morally inconsistent on two

First, the office of priest is a public one and is exposed to an exceptionally high degree of public scrutiny. Secondly, no matter how hard we try to accommodate the beliefs of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement -and try we must - the fact remains that the theological ideal represented in Scripture is overwhelmingly focused on heterosexual partnerships as normative for society. A priest, who is in a position of leadership and authority, is not in a position to suggest otherwise in his or her relationships.

The distinction between opposing the ordination to priesthood of prac-tising gays and lesbians and allowing same-sex relationships amongst the laity is an extremely uncomfortable compromise for both sides of this debate. On one side there are those who want a ban on all gay/lesbian sexual relations, whether among the priesthood or the lairy, and on the other side are those who want full equality for gay and lesbian priests.

I believe, however, the compromise offered by the House of Bishops is possibly the only way to avoid a cataclysmic rift in the Church of England, beside which the ordination of women will seem like a joyride.

Yours sincerely, TIMOTHY H. JONES, 25-3 Edina Place, Edinburgh.

'Outrageous' suppression of Shaw

From the Secretary of The Shaw Society

Sir, I applaud Peter Hall's letter (April 21) deploring the unavailability of the most important plays in the Shaw canon for public performance. They have been bought and hoarded, as Hollywood studios used to buy and hoard rights in a story just in case they might ever want to film it.

In Clause 7 of his will, GBS stinulated that his executor (the Public Trustee) should not

lusively, it being my desire that he shall give due weight to artistic and public and With this in mind he named the

Society of Authors as his posthumous literary agent. But that institution has, from the start, chosen to put commercial considerations very much at the head of affairs. its officers might well have felt

bound by law to do so, as anyone handling an estate is supposed to administer trusts to the best financial advantage of the beneficiaries - but there is always the possibility of either compromise or defiance of a bad law. Five years after Shaw's death in

1950, the Society of Authors not only sanctioned a musical, My Fair Lady,

Bone marrow donors

Sir, I would add to Ian Franklin's excellent letter of today on the dilemma of bone marrow donation an important point - one close to my heart.

Hospital, Cambridge, last August after a six-month period of remission. Following our unsuccessful tissuetype match I have now been accepted for inclusion on the panel of the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust.

Not being able to match my brother and only some 25 per cent of siblings do — my decision to put myself forward in the hope of being able to help another was, I believe, central to the ethos of donorship. I was unable to

help my brother, who might not have survived anyway, but I am certain in

my wish to try and help someone. Confidentiality is a central concern, but recipients may contact donors totally confidentially through organisations like the Anthony Nolan trust. How about some lottery money for

My continuing blood donations aim, further, to support a service whose many hundreds of pints of blood made my brother's last two years possible. Thankfully he now has a beautiful daughter, born in December - another testament to his

Yours faithfully. MARK BAILLE, 7 Pine Grove, Ormskirk, Lancashire.

Backing the charter

From Mr John Raybould

Sir, Isubel Allen, of the Policy Studies Institute, is correct to say in her new survey that unrealistic demands and a culture of complaint inspired by the Patient's Charter were found to be causing stress and burn-out among nurses and doctors (report, April 22).

When I was in the Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, after a thronbosis, the patient in the bed opposite me actually read the Patient's Charter aloud when the nurses were around and tormented them for any delays or deviations. I thought the young nurses, short-handed for much of the time, behaved magnificently and stoically under abominable provocation.

Perhaps the clipboard-toting managers and unrealistic politicians should have a spell in a hospital bed to experience the "sharp end". If I had been a nurse on duty I would have been very tempted to give the barrackroom lawyer of a patient a good jab on his backside.

Yours sincerely. JOHN RAYBOULD. 3 Chestnut Court, High Street, Newport, Saffron Walden, Essex.

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for a worldwide ban on performances of Shaw's play — on stage, film, radio and television — so as to give the musical a clear run.

The Shaw Society immediately formed a campaigning body, called the Not Bloody Likely Committee, to prevent the Copyright Act from being used in this way. Ensuing correspondence in The Times included anticensorship letters from Allen Lane (December 4, 1956), E. M. Forster (December 7) and T. S. Eliot (Decem-

ber 11). Graham Greene publicly

announced his resignation from the Society of Authors in protest. As a result, a few amateur productions of Pygmalion were then permitted; but the general professional ban - which the Society of Authors des-cribed euphemistically as a "form of traffic control" - persisted for ten

Yours faithfully. BARBARA SMOKER (Secretary, The Shaw Society). SI Farmfield Road. Downham, Bromley, Kent.

From Mr Mark Bailie

My brother Tim tragically died from leukaemia in Addenbrookes

Medical consent

From Lord Ashbourne and Mr Genard Wright, QC Sir, According to Dr R. H. Nicholson,

Editor of the Bulletin of Medical Ethics (letter, April 10), the Royal College of Physicians and the Medical Research Council have promulgated guidelines "advising that medical research procedures which are of no benefit to a subject who cannot consent to them may be performed provided that they are of no more than minimal risk". In other words, children, people who are mentally disabled and people in coma may be used as human guinea pigs.

The law of this country is perfectly clear: research may only be carried out on a person unable to consent to it if the research will benefit the patient. This principle applies to the taking of blood or other DNA material from a child. A court will permit blood or DNA sampling only if it is in the interests of the child to do so.

Any doctor relying on the guidelines quoted by Dr Nicholson is at risk of both criminal and civil proceedings.

Yours etc. ASHBOURNE. GERARD WRIGHT, Alert (Against Legalised Euthanasia - Research and Teaching), 27 Walpole Street, SW3. April II.

Charity scratchcards

Sir, it would appear that Camelot are having a problem selling their lottery scratchcards and are considering spending more money on their pro-

motion (report, April 21). Having failed twice to obtain funding from the National Lottery to support our charity, one major source of income for us has been the sale of named scratchcards promoted locally

May I therefore respectfully suggest that Camelot withdraw entirely from tified target for their largesse, and leave this field to registered charities who work with promoters to raise urgently needed moneys for really worthwhile causes. At least people could choose what they support rather than all their moneys going into one large pot.

Yours faithfully, M. CROUCH (Trustee and Chairman of Fundraising), Tỳ Hafan, The Children's Hospice in Wales, Hamard House, Cardiff Road.

Barry. Vale of Glamorgan. April 22. From the Director General

of Action Research Sir. You report today that Camelot do-

nates 28p in the pound to charity. This is not true. The money goes to five groups of "good causes", one of which the National Lottery Charities Board, receives just one fifth of that amount — ie, 5.6p in every pound.

Government ministers, among others, may wish to perpetuate this confusion; but allocating money to make up for the shortfall in government spending on the arts, sport, heritage and the Millennium Fund would not be everybody's interpretation of charity.

Yours faithfully, ANNE LUTHER, Director General, Action Research, Vincent House, Horsham, West Sussex. April 21.

Victory anthem?

From Mr Gerard Green

Sir, Bolder than Westminster Abbey (letters, April 22 and 23), Norwich Cathedral have scheduled Blair in B minor for pre-election Evensong on Sunday, April 27. Their confidence is shown by the choice of anthem at the same service: Alleluia: Who is this who comes in triumph? - Malcolm (not Jeffrey) Archer. Who needs the polls?

Yours faithfully, GERARD GREEN, Norwich, Norfolk April 23.

One in the eye

From Mr Robert A. Jacques

Sir. The Independent Television Commission has issued a rebuke to the independent television companies for the lack of intellectual stimulus in much of their programming (report, April 23). In response to this criticism. the controller of network drama is quoted as being "gobsmacked". I think I may have spotted part of the problem here.

Yours faithfully. R. A. JACQUES, Mimram House, Tewin Water, Welwyn. Hertfordshire. April 23.



COURT CIRCULAR

President. King Edward's Hos-pital Fund for London, this morn-ing chaired the Annual General

Meeting at Cavendish Square, London WI.

Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge was received by His Royal High-ness this afternoon upon

relinquishing his appointment as Chief of the Defence Staff.

The Prince of Wales this evening

attended a Concert by the Vienna

Philharmonic Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall, London SEL

April 23: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Grand

President, St John Ambulance, this

morning attended a Meeting of

County Presidents and remained

to luncheon at St John's Gate. Clerkenwell, London ECI.

April 23: The Duke of Kent, Vice-

Chairman, the British Overseas

Trade Board, this morning opened

Workshop on the 2004 Olympics

bid, at the BMW Pavilion, Victoria

and Alfred Waterfront, Cape

Town, and attended a presentation

the Royal National Lifeboat In-

stitution, later met conswains of the National Sea Rescue Institu-

tion at the Victoria and Alfred lifeboat station, and unended a tunch given by Mr David Jack,

Managing Director of the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront

The Duke of Kent this afternoon met Mr Alec Erwin, Minister for

Trade, and Mr Trevor Manuel.

Minister for Finance, and later

attended a performance of British

and South African jazz music at the

His Royal Highness this evening attended a dinner for partici-

pants in a Britain Means Business

Finance Workshop, at the Mount

Nelson Hotel, Cape Town, South

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

April 23: Princess Alexandra, Pa

tron, accompanied by the Rt Hon

Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening attended a Reception given to

mark the tenth anniversary of the

Starlight Foundation at St James's

Nico Opera House.

Britain Means Business

KENSINGTON PALACE

YORK HOUSE

WINDSOR CASTLE April 23: The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and Mr Weston were received by The Queen this

morning.
Her Majesty visited the prepreparatory department of St George's School, Windsor, this afternoon and was received by the Dean of Windsor (the Very Reverend Patrick Mitchell) and the Headmaster (the Reverend Roger

The Queen opened the new wing and toured the department, es-corred by the Headmaster. The Queen and The Duke of

Edinburgh gave a Dinner Party at which The Prince Edward and The Princess Margaret, Countess of

Snowdon were present.
The foilowing were invited: His
Excellency the High Commissioner for Australia, the Dean of Westminster and Mrs Wesley Carr. Sir David and Lady Hardy. Sir Anthony Dowell, Major Gen-eral and Mrs Michael Hobbs. Professor and Mrs Alec Broers. Mr and Mrs Albert Searding, the Reverend Canon and Mrs Laurence Gunner, Mr and Mrs Oliver Everett.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 23: The Duke of York. Patron, this evening gave a Recep-tion at Sunninghill Park in aid of the Swordfish Heritage Trust

BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 23: The Princess Royal, Patron, Institute of Logistics, this afternoon attended the 1997 President's Luncheon at the Café Royal.

Regent Street, London WI. Her Royal Highness, Patron. SENSE - the National Deathlind and Rubella Association, later visited a group home at 17 John Street, Maidstone, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Kent (the Lord Kingsdown KG).

CLARENCE HOUSE April 23: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Reception given by the British Homewopathic Association at Barber-Surgeons Hall. Lady Penn and Sir Alastair Aird

were in attendance. ST JAMES'S PALACE April 23: The Prince of Wales.

The Prince of Wales, on behalf of

The Oucen, will hold an Investi-

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Presi-

deat, will attend a luncheon fol-

lowed by the annual meeting of

Prince Edward, as Trustee, the

Duke of Edinburgh's Award, will

attend the Royal Gala perfor-

mance Miracles at the Albert Hall.

Princess Margaret, as Member of

the Court of Assistants of the

Haberdashers' Company, will at-

tend the company's golden lecture.

to be delivered by the Bishop of

London, at St Lawrence Jewry-

next-Guildhall at 12.45. She will

attend a luncheon afterwards at

The Duke of Gloucester, as Patron

of the Kensington Society, will

attend the annual meeting at 23

Kensington Square, WS, at 6.15.

Macmillan Cancer

The Prince of Wales has become

patron of the national cancer

charity that has now simplified its

name to Macmillan Cancer Relief.

The Duchess of Kent has become

Goldsmith's Hall, at 1.30.

Relief

president.

rure at Cardiff Castle at 11.00.

the Mansion House, at (2.45).

at 7,30.

Today's royal

engagements

Luncheons

Palace, London SWI.

Institute of Logistics The Princess Royal, Patron of the Institute of Logistics, was the guest of honour and speaker at the president's luncheon held yesterday at the Cafe Royal und presented an Emeritus Fellowship in Sir Peter Thompson and an King George's Fund for Sailors at Honorary Fellowship to Professor Kumar Bhattacharyya, Mr David A. Quarmby, president, welcomed the guests. Mr Mike Burbage, chairman, and Dr Ian C. Canadine, director-general, also

Rayal Society of St George Mr Leslie Weller was the guest speaker at a St George's Day the Royal Society of St George held yesterday at Bailiffs

Climping. Colonel Ralph Bury presided. Mr Colin Ridgewell no posed the toast to England and St George and Mr Victor Partish also spoke. St George's Day Club The Earl of Snowdon and Vice-Admiral Sir James Weatherall. Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps

were the principal guests at the annual luncheon of the St George's Day Club held yesterday at Grosvenor House, Air Vice-Marshal G.C. Lamb, president, pre sided. During the luncheon, Mr John Beveridge accepted the club's True Englishman trophy on behalf of Mr Sieve Redgrave, the Olym-

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.A.J. Reardon Smith and Miss A.J. Rowe

The engagement is announced between Giles, second son of Sir William Reardon Smith, Bt, and Lady Reardon Smith, of Southwark, and Janie, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Rowe, of Linle Thurlow, Suffolk. Mr D.M. Baker and Or R.E.M. Burman

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Professor and Mrs R. Baker, of Hampstead Garden Suburb, London, and Rachel, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs S.R. Burman, of Newbury, Berkshire, Dr S.C.L. Clark

and Miss NJ. Meredith The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of Mr and Mrs Philip Lane Clark, of Church Stretton, Shropshire, and Naomi, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Meredith, of Cold Overton, Leicestershire.

Mr N.A. Flann and Dr J.C.U. Roberts The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Flann, of Bere Regis. Dorset, and Juliet, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Roberts, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr N.R. Holman and Miss M. Earl and Miss W. Earl
The engagement is announced
between Nicholas, son of His
Honour Judge Holman and Mrs
Susan Holman. MBE. of
Witmslow. Cheshire, and Mary. by the Airports Company at Cape Town International airport. His Royal Highness, President. daughter of Dr and Mrs Derek E. Earl, of Kingsbridge, Devon.

Mr D.P. Howden and Miss FJ. Rühmer The engagement is announce between David, son of the late Mr Philip Howden and of Mrs Wendy Johnston, and Fiona, elder daugh-ter of Mr Klaus Rühmer and Mrs Elizabeth Rühmer,

Mr E.W.G. Nicholson and Miss P.J.C. Baymun-Coward The engagement is announced between Edward, younger son of Colonet David Nicholson, of Mariborough, and Mrs Dawn Nicholson, of Newton Stacey, Hampshire, and Polly, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Hylton Bayntun-Coward, of Dunkerton,

Mr GJ. Palmer and Miss Z.C. Phayre-Mudge The engagement is announced between Giles, son of Mr and Mrs George Pulmer, of Bristol, and Zoe, daughter of the late Mr Michael Phayre-Mudge and of Mrs Christopher Devas, of Shallesbury, Dorset.

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health

The Princess Royal addressed a plenary session of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child to five honorary fellows at the first meeting held on April 15-18, at York University, During the meeting Professor David Baum suc-ceeded Professor Sir Roy Meadow as President and the following were elected officers: Professor Richard Cooke, Vice President: Dr Aidan Macfarlane, Health Services; Dr Martin Bructon, Higher Specialist Training: Dr Janet Anderson, General Professional Training: Dr Sheila Shribman, Continuing Medical Education: Dr Tom Turner, Scotland; Dr Andrew Wilkinson (acting) Chairman of the Academic Board. Dr Keith Dodd was re-elected for a further term of office as Honorary Secretary, Professor Sir Leslie Turnberg was the guest of honour at the annual dinner held on April 17 at York Racecourse.

Legal appointment Mr Richard Henry Bond to be a Circuit Judge, assigned to the Western Circuit.



Spymasters Frederick Forsyth, the author, left, and Oleg Gordievsky, late of the KGB, at a Foyle's literary luncheon held yesterday in London in honour of Mr Forsyth

Dinners

Royal Society of St George Mrs Pauline Halliday, Chairman of the Council of the City of London branch of the Royal Society of St George, accompanied by Mr Peter Halliday, presided at the St George's Day celebration dinner

held last night at Guildhall. Sir Lawrence Verney, Recorder of London, Mr Christopher Frazer who proposed the toast to England and St George, and the Rev Basil Watson also spoke. Among others

Watson also spoke. Among others present werte: The Ambassador of Macedunia and Mrs Nikovska, the Master of the Guild of preemen and lady Grand, the President of the City Livery Club and Lady Lypo, the Chief Commoner and Mrs Bramwell, the Dean of St. Paul's, the President of the United Wards Club. Mr Alderman Gavin Anthon, Bull, Mr Alderman and Mrs Richard Aguiter, the Remembrancer and Mrs Barnes, the Upper Bailliff of the Weavers' Company, the Master of the Farriers' Company and Mrs Barker, the Chaltman of the International Committee of Fund Raising for the Red Cross, Mr and Mrs Kent Durr. Mrs Sara Jones. Mr D Keoghane. the Chaltman of the

Birthdays today

Princess Alexandra and the Hon

Sir Angus Ogilvy celebrate the 34th anniversary of their marriage

Sir Bernard Audley, founder, AGB

Research, 73; Mr Edward Bonnor-

Maurice, Chairman, British Horse Society, 69: Mr Ralph Brown.

sculptor, 69; Field Marshal Lord

Carver, 82; Mr Charlie Chester.

comedian and radio personality

83: Mr J.E.H. Collins, former

chairman. Guardian Royal Ex-

change Assurance Group. 74: Mr

Eldon, 60; Sir Clement Freud.

former MP and writer, 73: Dame

Helen Gardiner, former chief

Buckingham Palace, 96; Mr Jean

Paul Gaultier, Jushion designer,

45; Mr John Harvey, former MP.

77; Mr Fred Heddell, chief exec-

utive, Mencap. 52: Mr Richard

Jarman, general director, Scottish

Opera, 48; Miss Shirley MacLaine,

actress, 63; Mr Alex Murphy.

rugby league manager, 58: Sir Hugh Park, former High Court

judge, 87; Mr Stuart Pearce, foot-bailer, 35; Mr Joseph Rank, former

honorary president. Ranks Hovis

McDougall, 79; Miss Bridge

Riley, artist, bb: the Rev Geoffrey

H. Roper, General Secretary of the

Free Church Federal Council, 57;

Mr Christopher Spence, founder

and honorary president. London Lighthouse, and his twin brother,

Peter, screenwriter, 53: Miss

Barbra Streisand, singer and ac-

tress, 55: Lieutenant-Colonel Stu-

art Townend, founder, Hill House

International Junior School. 88:

vell. 53: the Earl of

Foundation for Science and Technology Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for

Society of Chemical Industry Mr Ken Minton. President of the Society of Chemical Industry, with Mr Richard Denyer, general sec-retary, and Dr Robin Paul, Chair-man of Albright and Wilson, accompanied by their ladles, received the guests at a dinner held last night at the Hotel

InterContinental. During the dinner Mr Minton Sir Ronald Hampel, Chairman of iCl, with the society's Centenary Medal, Sir Ronald and Sir David Harrison, a vice-president, also spoke. Among others

present were:
The chairman of the society's international governing council, past presidents of the society representatives of British and European trade and projessional association, leaders of some of the world's major chemical companies, financial institutions and the TUC.

Term began on April 22. School guardian is Luis Berembau. The Round Square Regional Conference at Aiglon is from May 8-12.

Parents' Weekend is May 23-26. Sports Day is on June 28. Term

concludes with the Graduation

Desig Close School, Chellenham

The Trinity Term begins today. William Kinder is Captain of

Cricket and Rachel Rank is Cap-tain of Girls Tennis. There will be

Giving and the official opening of

the new Flecker Library will be on

May 24, at which the Guest of

Honour will be the Archbishop of

Canterbury. The Service of

Commemoration of Benefactors on

May 25, at which the Preacher will

be the Rev Dr Alan Munden, will

particularly remember the 150th

Close. Music for a Summer Eve-ning is on June 14 and the Chapel

Choir will contribute to Dream of

Gerontius at Cheltenham Town

Hall on June 1. The Leavers'

Service and Reception will be on

June 25 and term ends on July 4.

The OD Gaudy will be on July 5.

Anthony Hopkins

A celebration of the life and work

of Anthony Hopkins will be held in

the Library of the Royal College of

Physicians of London, 11 St An-

drews Place, Regent's Park, London

NWI, on Wednesday, May 28, at

6.00pm. Further information may

anniversary of the birth of Francis

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School news

ceremony on July 5.

Aigion College

HMS President RNVR Vice-Admiral Sir John Cox was the principal guest and speaker at the annual reunion dinner of the HMS President RNVR and RNR Retired Officers' Association held last night onboard HMS President by permission of the Commanding Officer, Captain A.H. Spratt-Kerswill, president of the association, received the guests.

Commander J.G.N.T. Cosnen.

Science and Technlogy, presided at

lecture and dinner discussion

held last night at the Royal Society

Sir Robert Wilson, FRS, Mr Jain

Green and Mr James V. Zimmerman were the speakers.

Service dinner

chairman, presided.

Sir Victor Pritchett, CH. CBE

Lady Princhen and her family wish to thank all those who have sent them such comforting letters at this very sad time. There are far too many to answer personally. There will be no Memorial Service. in accordance with VSP's own

Labour Finance & **Industry Group**

Mrs Margaret Beckett was the speaker at the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of the Labour Finance & Industry Group help yesterday at the Institution of Civil Engineers. Dr Peter Slowe presided and Sir Sigmund Sternberg.

Latest wills

James Eric Brimelow, Prestatyn, Flintshire, left estate valued at E1,140,353 net. valued at E1,140.353 net.

Among other bequests he left £1,500 to Prestaryn Constitutional Club for expenditure in the billiard room bar on liquid and light refreshments for members of 13 months or longer standing to be spent on a Thursday night 3pproximately 12 months alter his death; and £3,000 to Trinity Methodist Church Guild of Prestaryn, Clwyd.

Hermine Antonia Maria Donner, of Sandal, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at E1,787,223 net.

Una Winifred Smith, of South Nutfield, Surrey, left estate valued at £1.811.437 net. She left the proceeds of the vale of her property to the National Trust and Fight for Sight

Memorial services

Lord Chelmet Lord Braybrooke, Lord-Lieutenant of Essen, attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Chelmer held yesterday in Chelmsford Cathedral, Canon Timothy Thompson, acting pro-vost officiated Mr Brian Edwards and Mr David Edwards, brothers, read the lessons. Lord Flummer of St Marylebone

and Colonel Richard Gosling. Essex Yeomann, gave addresses. The Bishop of Chelmsford pronounced the blessing. Among oth-

nounced the blessing, Among our
ers present were:
Lack Cheimer (a.dow), the Hon
Robin and Mrs Edwards (son and
daughter-in-law). Mr and Mrs Paul
Mattham (grandchildren), Mrs
Brian Edwards, Mrs David Edwards
and Mrs Jack Edwards (sisters-inlaw) and other members of the
family, friends and representatives
of the Essex Leomanny.

Sir John Wordie A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir John Stewart Wordie. former chairman of the Burnham Committee and Master of the Salters' Company, was held yes-terday at St Giles Cripplegate. The Archdeacon of Oxford officiated. assisted by the Rev David Coulton. Chaplain of Radies College, and the Rev David Rhodes, Rector of St

Giles. Mr Peter Wordie, brother, read the lesson and Mr Alan Wordie, son, read in the Highlands by Robert Louis Stevenson, Sir William Harding gave an address.

liam Harding gave an address. Among others present were:
Lady Wordle invidow). Mr and Mrs Jamle Wordle. Mr and Mrs Nicholas Wordle and Mr and Mrs Andrew Wordle fsons and daughter-in-law). Mrs Man Wordle idaughter-in-law). Mr and Mrs George Wordle (brother and sister-in-law). Mr and Mrs Peter Clarke (brother-in-law and sister). Mrs Peter Wordle isister-in-law). Mr and Mrs David Horne (brother-in-law and sister-in-law) and other members of the family with frends and representatives of Sir John's business associations.

Mr and Mrs Michael Belmont A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Michael Belmont, stockbroker, and Mrs Virgina Belmont was held yes-terday at St Paul's. Knightshridge. The Rev Christopher Courtauld officiated. Mr Piers Belmont, son, and Mr Nicholas Hildyard. nephew, read the lessons. Miss Jill Balcon read from T.S. Eliot's East Coker, Lord Kindersley gave un address. Among others present

Writ:

Mr Anthony Belmont (son), Mr and Mrs Richard Ford (son-in-law and caughter). Mrs Piers Belmont (daughter-in-law), Edwina Belmont (granddaughter). Mr Robert Belmont (brother). Mrs Racqueline Hildward Isisten. Dr and Mrs Marshall (brother-in-law and sisten). Mrs Harriet Belmont. Mrs Nicholas Hildward and other members of the family.

Hildward and other members of the family.
Judith Counters Bathurst. Lady Rindersley, Lord Glendyne, Lord and Lady Faringdon, Lord Pender, Lord Rees, OC. Lady Leigh, Anne Lady Einon, the Hon Mrs Douglas Hurd, Lord and Lady Renwick, the Hon Sir Angue Ogiliy, the Hon Thomas and Airs Hazlering, the Hon Mrs Mason, the Hon Mrs Edward Leigh-Pemberton. Major and the

He of Mrs Mark Fleming, the Hon Robin Denison-Perider, the Hon Mrs Sishephard, the Hon Charles Creit, the Hon Mrs Crispin Gascolgne, the Hon Robin and Mrs Warrender, the Hon Robin Harbord-Hammond Sir David Kinloch, Lady Mountain, Lady Le Marchant, Fiona Lady Rasch, Sir Archivald Birkmyre, Sir Ish and Lady Le Marchant, Fiona Lady Rasch, Sir Archivald Birkmyre, Sir Ish and Lady Ley. Sir Edward Ford, Sir Peter Cazalet, Sir Richard Richardson, Sir Parick Sergeant, Mr and the Hon Mrs Jonathan Balcon.

Mr Gay Kindersiev, Mrs Margart Kindersiev, Mr and Mrs Christian Kindersiev, Mr and Mrs Stuart Willimott, Mr Andrew Feitlein, Mr La Rolfe, Mr John Paymer, Mr and Mrs Chall Mrs Henry Forbes, Colonel and Mrs David Wentworth-Stanley, Mr and Mrs Honty Forbes, Colonel and Mrs Tom Hall. Mr tain Pilkington, Mr and Mrs David Acaland, Mr and Mrs Julian Cazalet, Mr John Wedgewood, Mr D Kindersiev, Mr Michael Todhunter, Mr Bernard Cazenove.

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Mr William Righter A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr William (Bill) Righter. Reader Emeritus in English and Comparative Literature at Warwick University, was held yes-terday at the Temple Church. Canon Joseph Robinson, Master of the Temple officiated and read the

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Mrs Cynthia Kee read from Shakespeare's Sonnet 116, Vicomte Edgar de Bresson read from T. S. Elion's East Coker and Lady Hale read from Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice. Father Cyril Barrett, SJ, gave an address.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William the Silent Prince of Orange, Nassau. 1533; Edmund Cartwright, pioneer of the power loom, Marnham, Nottinghamshire, 1743; Anthony Trol lape, novelist, London, 1815; R.M. Ballantyne, novelist, Edinburgh, 1825: Henri Philippe Petain, Chief of State of the Vichy Government 1940-14. Cauchy-á-la-Tour. 1856: Sir Stafford Cripps, statesman, London 1889; William Joyce (Lord Haw-Haw), traitor, Brooklyn,

DEATHS: Daniel Defoe, author and adventurer, London, 1731: Marie Taglioni, ballerina, Marseilles. 1884; Justin McCarthy, povelist and historian. Folkestone 1912; Gerhard Domagk, bacteriologist, Nobel laureate 1939. Burgberg, Germany, 1964; the Duchess of Windsor, Paris, 1986. Mary Queen of Scots married the Dauphin of France, 1558.

The Dully Express was first pub-Sweet rationing ended, 1949.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Peter Hayward, Vicar, Hotham, held in plurality w North Cave w Cliffe: to be Priest-incharge, Newbald (York). The Rev Christopher Jage-Bowler. Assistant Chaplain of St George's. Bertin: to be Chaplain, St George's, Berlin, Germany (Europe).

The Rev Michael Johnson, Vicar, St John the Baptist and St Helen. Wroughton: to be also Rural Dean of Wroughton (Bristol).

The Rev Dr Martin Kitchen, Canon Residentiary of Southwark Cathedral and Co-ordinator of Training (Southwark): to be Residentiary Canon of Durham Cathedral (Durham). The Rev Colin Lingard, Priest-incharge, Middleton-St George (Durham): to he Rector of that

benefice. The Rev Julian Parker, Curate, Gillingham Team Ministry: to be Vicar, North Bradley, Southwick and Heywood (Salisbury).

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Good?", said Jesus. "Why do you ask me about that? One alone is good. But if you wish to enter into Hie, keep the commandments. Mutthew 19: 17

BIRTHS

BATHURST - On April 22nd 1997, to Apanda (nee Holf and Charles, a daughter lanthe Ellabeth Sophie, ; OOPER - On April 22nd in Warwick, to Maxine (new Rudd) and Craig, a beautiful son, Adam James Romus. son, Adam James Romus, DOMERTY - On 16th April 1997 at The Portland Hospital, to Patrick and Ewelyn, a ton, James Conor Hard.

DOUGHERTY - On April 19th :
The Portland Hospital : Tara (née Cryan) and William, a son, Matthew J. : brother for Will and Jack. ORD/ARSCO...
April, to Tamein and Aucard Nottingham, a son George brother for Lucy.

"19th nt 7 FORD/ARSCOTT - On 23rd April, to Tamein and David GULAN - On April 19th at Th

JACKSON - On 15th April, to Amelia (née Slade) and Matthew, a son, Luke George Buckley, a brother for mentă.

JASMSKI - On April 21st în
Paris, to Katharine (née
Agnew) aud Pierre, a
daughter, Alice Emily, a
sister for Saskia.

ENDRICK - On April 19th a Odstock Hospital Salishur to Carolyn (née Duff) and David, a son, William. lavid, a son, William. DesGHORN - On April 16th a The Portland Hospital, to judith (née Sample) aux jeremy, a daughter, Arabella brother for Maximilian.

Account on 21st april to Terri and James, a son, Oliver James, a brother for Emma and Jame. LETCHER - On April 13th 1997 to Peregrine and Elaine (nee Webb), a son, James Heary, a welcome butther for Sarah-Jane and Eleanot.

POWELL - On 18th April, to lane (nee Smart) and James, e daughter, Poppy Rose Ellion, a sister for Lily.

BIRTHS RUST - On April 13th 1997 at The Portland Hospital to Fawzia and Eric a daughter -Sophie. A sister for Richard

SOWERBUTTS - On April 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Julia (née josephs) and Kevin, a daughter, Cresida Claire Cheisea. A sister for joe, Theo and Troy - ot bast TRKOO - On April 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Laura (née Palumbo) and Neel, a daughter, Lydia Rose. TRPFETT - On 15th April at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Sarah (nos Griffiths) and David, a son, James Henry David.

TYSON - On April 19th, 1997, in Grand Cayman, to Anna (née Elverson) and Andrew, a son, James Henry Campbell. WOOOHOUSE - On April 6th, to Camilla (new Douglass) and Andrew, a daughter, Isabal Amelia Douglass, sixter for Olivia.

DEATHS

Humphrey, mother of Angus and Duncas. On April 22ad 1997 after a full. Service Saturday 26th April ar 2.30pm All Sadus Church, Smallridge, Acminster. No

BLOCK - On April 22nd 1997, very peacefully, surrounded by loving care at Riverhill Nursing Home, Woodbridge, Suffolk, Margaret Elizabeth in her Bärd year, very deer wife and companion for 57 m her 63rd year, very deer wife and companion for 57 years of Edl, devoted mother of and loved by the late Lis and by Juliet, Tricia and Anita and her some-in-law Beloved granny and great-granny of her eleven grandefulden and two greatgrandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Hasketon on Monday April 28th at 12 noon followed by private cremation. Family flowers cremation. Family itselfs only, but donations if desired made psyable to St Andrew's Church c/o Farthing. Singleton & Hastings, 650, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4PW,

DEATHS RREWER - On April 20th 1997 of Cecil Street, Lytham St Annes, Irone Adelaide aged 95 years, The dearly loved mother of Dorothy, Fotmer Matron of Clevedon House of Ilkiey, Further enquirles to M. Raweliffe FD, tel: Lytham (01253) 735269.

Elizabeth, in Washington D.C. on 21st April 1997, after a long filmers borne with great fortitude, Enloyed wife of David and mothers of George, Charles and Nimo and much loved daughter of Evelyn de Loynes, twin sister of fulfa and sister of Andrea and Stephen and aunt to all their children. Funeral and burstl at the Church of All Saints, Crest Chesterford, Seifron Walden, on Wednesday 30th April at 11.30 am for family and friends. Flowers to H. Peasgood & Son, Saffron Walden anxion contributions to All Saints Church.

DODSWORTH - Ernest John of Great Malvern, Worcestershire, on 22nd April aged 62 years, Sadly missed by all the family. Service at Worcester Crematorium on Wednesday 30th April at 2 pm. Donetions to Malvera Community Hospital, Lansdowns Crascent, Malvern, Worce. Wall Land.

TEMES MEAS FRIM RAP (ref'd). Husband of the late Kathleen Mary "Mike" "Nin-Nam", father of Chiquita Anna, beloved "Rac-oo" to Claire and David. Died peacefully at home 19th April 1997. All enquiries and april 1997. All anguities and any donations or flowers c/o G.M. Luft and Pattners Ltd. 34 Lion Lane, Haslemers, GU27 1]H (01428) 643524. Donations if deathed to RAF Benevolent Fund and

Macmillan Serv Midhurst, West Sussex

Service.

FORMAN - George Donald aged
69, beloved husband of
Hilda and a devoted father
and grandfather, suddenly
on the golf course Friday
18th April Chief Electrical
Engineering Manager at
Times Newspapers until his
retirement in December
1987. Funeral 12 noon
Friday 25th April at St Mary
the Virgin and All Saints
Church, The Walk, Pottess
Bat, Herts. Flowers to
Nethercorts Funeral
Directors, Darkes Lane,
Potters Bar.
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Potters Bar.

GAMMION - Reg RWA ROI passed peacefully away at The Rosary Nursing Home, Bridgwater, Somewiset, on April 22nd 1997 aged 103. Beloved busbund of the late Betty, father of Peter and Gordon. He will be much missed by his family and many friends. Funeral Service to be held at Ashbolt Church on Thursday May Ist at 2.30 pm followed by interment. Family powers only. Donations if desired for Guide Dops for the Blind may be left at the Church or sent to Grandfield & Son Funeral Directors, Nether Stowey, Somenset.

Funeral Directors, Necher Stowey, Sommerst.

GARDMER - Marion Emily (Meg) on 22nd Andl 1997, peacefully at home Strius in her 91st year. A valued and true friend and God mother. Funeral at 1.20pm on 29th April 1997, Worthing Crematorium. Enquiries to H.D. Tribe. Worthing, tel: (01903) 234516. 234510.
GHBSINS - Phytlis Mary, formerly of Cleeve Hill, Chaltenham, psacefully on April 21st 1997. Widow of Tex and much loved mother of Christopher. Service at St.

of Christopher Service at St Mary's Church, Chariton Kings, Cheltenham Mary's Church, on Kings, Cheltenham, on Tuesday 29th April at 10.45am. Funeral Director, Sellm Smith & Co., (01242) 525383. 525383.
GUSSMAM - Boris William aged 83 on 18th April 1997 pencefully in bospital after a long liliness. Very dear husband of Valaric, devoted father of Robert, Pandy and Sara and a loving grandfather. Funeral Service at Woodwale Cromotoxium, Lewes Road, Brighton, Monday 28th April at 3 pm. Pamily flowers only. HEWSON - Peacefully on 19th April 1997, Jean Una Eidest daughter of the late Lt. Col. GE and Mrs Unity Johaston of Winchester. Mother of of Winchester, Mother of Thomas, Funand Savice, at St. John's Chapel, The Broadway, Winchester on Tuesday 29th April at 2 pm. Flowers and enquiries to jno. Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester (01962)

PERSONAL COLUMN

CHAPP - Peacefully on April 21st 1997 HL. (Dick) aged 29 years, husband of the late Mangaret, father of Michael Bobert and Peter. Funeral Robert and Peter. Funeral Service at Kettering Commission on Webbediay April 30th at 3 pm. All flowers please to Phillips Family Funeral Service, 25 Princes Street, Jettering, Northants.

LEWES - Doctor David Steel Lewes: on 21st April 1997, peacefully, at his home in Bedford, Enight of St Lazarus and Realer of the Sick Dearty loved husband of Daphne, loving father of Joanna, Ginny, Jane, Bryony and John; dearest grandfather and menter of Annanda. Emily Chaile grandfather and menter of Amanda, Emily, David Georgia and Christin Georgia and Christina Daphne, great-grandfather of Tharlya Rose. Funeral Service takes place at St Peter's Church, Pavenham, on Saturday 26th April at 3pm. Family and friends welcome to the service. Family flowers only, please, but if desired, donations for Doctor Ian Cooper, The Bedford Heart Fund, may be sent to Arnolds Funeral Service. Roff Avenue, Bedford MIA1 7TE, tel: (01234) 369529.

EWIS - Frances Mertima (née Cooper), widow of the late Oswald Lewis, Much late Oswald Lewis. Much loved mother of Peter and Diana, grandmother on April 21st pencefully at Sutton. Manor Nursing Home, aged 96. Puneral on Wednesday April 30th at 2.30pm, at St. Mary the Less, Chilbolton, Panerolline. MAKEY - Laura joan M.V.O. on Saturday April 19th 1997 in Epsom Hospital after a short ilbress. She will be much missed by her many friends. Service at Randalls Road, Leatharhead, on Tuesday April 29th at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Epsom Ewell and District Cantre of The National Trust C/o and deguides to A & E

MERCHANT William Moelwyn, Professor and retired Priest, peacefully on 22nd April 1997 aged 83 years. Dearly loved husband of Lynne, father of Christina and Paul and graditather to Releva, Owain and Luke. Pungal Levies at The Hid-Warwickshire Crematorium, Oakley Wood, ar. Leamington Spa on Monday 28th April at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only but if desired donations may be sent to Arden House Residential Home, clo R.J. Dewson Funeral Directors, 22 George Street, Leaming also Astroice of Thanksgiving for his life and work will be announced at a later date.

William

MERCHANT

OORE - Leslie Ruth of Monday 7th April in London Monday 7th April in London Daughter of the late Julian j Burglel and the late Buth Burglel of Massachusetts and sister of Jonathan, Julian and Lori Burglel. Puneral services will be held in Massachusetts.

FRICS FIAS FIARB sled peacefully at home on Tuesday 22md April, 1997 loving husband of Joan Helem and belowed fighter of Christopher, Andrew and Philip and much loved Grandfather of William and Hugh, he will be saily. Service to be held at the Church of the Most Precious Sicod, Sidmouth on Friday 25th April, 1997 at 230 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Marie Curie Musses to Marie Curie Musses.

PEERS - On April 19th 1997 in hospital, after a short illness, Group Captain Arthur Prederick Peers DFL (RAF. Retired), of Sidmouth aged 73 years. Loving and much loved husband of Kay. Cremation at Court to Deven Crematorium on Monday April 28th at 2.30 pm. Panily flowers only please but donations, it desired, to British Heart Foundation. c/o Potbury's Funeral Service, High Street, Sidmouth.

PUCICLE - Feacetally on April 21st 1997 at Elliscomb 21st 1997 at Filliscombe House N/H, Wincanton, Alimon Ferriar 296 36 years, formenly of Mitchells Farm. Stoke Trister, Wincanton, who are the sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral Service takes place 1.00 pm Tuesday April 29th at St Andrew's Church, Stoke Tuster, followed by private cremation at Salisbury. Family flowers only please, Domations if winer in The Red Croes may be sent clother of the sadle of the same of the sent clother of the same of the

EARCE - Patrick Ronald FRICS FIAS FIARB died

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suddenly in Singapore April 17th 1977. Funeral Envice Tuesday 29th April 3 pas S. Augustine's Church, Brozbourns, Herts. No Bowens please. Donations to Chiterian 456 do Businessift Stanleys. 20 Furniyal Street.

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SYNSTIT Hugh Martin Charles CEng. F.C.M.S., F.L.Mar E., M.R.I.N.A. aged 60 years, suddenly on Sarunday 19th April 1997, of Lansdowne Road, Falmouth, Cornwall, formedly of Mawnan Smith, Cornwall. A very dear father of Keith and Paul and Baloved brother of Burbaru. Funeral Service at 2 pm on Friday 2nd May at 8 Budoc Church, near Falmouth, Cornwall, followed by private cremation. Fomily Cornwall, religioned by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations, it desired, may be made to either The Samaritans or Cases. In the Cornwall A Service of Thanksquing will be held in the London area at the to be accounted.

T**HOMS - Colin suddenly** at The Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on Apri 20th 1997. Colla Edwir 20th 1997. Colla Edwin Sutherland aged 84 years. Dearly loved husband of Anne, father of Mary, Vanessa and Jeremy, grandfather of Emily, Lisa, Louise and Kristina. A Funeral Service will be held at Warriston Crematorium Cioister Chapel on Saturday 26th Andi at 1145 am to which all Edwards are invited. Family Clowers only please and deliver to J.D. Hope Foneral Directors, 39 London Street, Edinburgh, ERG 6LX.

WAITE - John Bowman Delvigne peacefully ut his family home Postern Park, Tombridge, Kent, aged 81 years, on 23rd April 1997. Durrly believed humband of Mary, dearest father to Suson, John and Samh and devoted grandfather to Tom, Kate, Becky and Oliver. Pursent Sarvice at the Parist Church of 5t Peter and 5t Paul, Tombridge, on Tuesday 29th April at 1.30 pm, followed by private followed by private cremation. No flowers please. Donations for The Royal Hospital for Neuro-Disability to Ord-Hume Pumeral Services, 33A Quarty

WALKINTON - On 21st Apr Ann (née Jackson), wid Leslie, beloved moth Jane and grandmother of

WHITE - Jenny (née Hardstone) wonderful mother and outstanding citizen. Passed away at The Royal Marsden Hospital on the 19th Ayall. Service at West London Crematorium 12pm Saturday 26th April 1997. Flowers welcome to Co-Op Puteral Services, 68 Passent Green Lone, Fulham.

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OBITUARIES

Denis Compton, CBE, former England cricketer, died in hospital at Windsor yesterday aged 78. He was born on May 23, 1918,

enis Compton must have been one of the most engaging cricketers in the history of the game. When he was fit he batted with such charm, ease and imagination that people travelled from far and wide to watch him. The fair sex were attracted at least as much by his bronzed good looks as by his skill. He possessed, beyond doubt, a touch of genius, and his record would have been even better than it was (a career batting average of 51.85) but for the increasing handicap of a gammy knee.

Whether he was batting, fielding, or bowling his cheerfully unpre-dictable chinamen and googlies. Compton's actions were always entirely natural. He possessed every stroke in the book, and others that were highly original, In South Africa in 1948, against North Eastern Transvaal at Benoni, he scored 300 out of 399 in three hours, the last 100 of them coming in 37 minutes with what Wisden described as "a bewildering assortment of unclassi-

As a way of unsettling a bowler he would move down the pitch well before the ball was delivered. He would late cut with the latest of touches from his leg stump, and get himself into such a position as to keep long leg busy when, more conventionally, the ball should have been played to third man. And when it was necessary he could put away all element of chance. Against Australia at Lord's his 76 not out on a rain-affected pitch in 1938, when he was still only 19, saved a desperate situation. At Trent Bridge, ten years later, he kept the Australian bowlers at bay for almost seven hours, his 184 preventing another probable defeat.

interfere with his enjoyment of the game. He was the happy warrior. Although his hatting method was soundly based, he was too inventive to be a model for schoolboys to follow, except in essence. Off the field he could be as disorganised as he was amiable. Before going in, he might look around for the nearest bat and, if he liked the feel of it, take it out with him.

He was at ease in any company, though his accummodating nature made him a somewhat vunerable target. The friend who set about bringing order to his affairs, first by dealing with a fan mail which was reaching film-star proportions, was to become the first of a new genre — the sportsman's agent.

Denis Charles Scott Compton

was born at Hendon, Middlesex, where his father, a keen amateur footballer and cricketer, ran his own painting and decorating busi-ness. When he was 14 he scored his ness, when he was 14 he scored his first century at Lord's, for the London Elementary Schools against C. F. Tufnell's XI, with such flair that on leaving the Bell Lane School in Hendon he was recruited to the MCC ground staff. Soon afterwards he joined the Arsenal Football Club, with whom he was to be almost equally at home. He was 17 when he played his first first-class game for Middlesex. batting at number 11 against Sussex in the then traditional Whitsuntide fixture at Lord's. In the following season he became, at 19 years and 84 days, the second youngest cricketer who has ever played for England.

After seeing Compton play his first few innings for Middlesex in 1936, Sir Pelham Warner had described him as "the best young batsman to come out since Walter Hammond was a boy". By 1937 he was scoring 177 in three hours against Gloucestershire and 65 (run out) against New Zealand on his Test debut. He was sufficiently unpredictable between wickets for

DENIS COMPTON



Compton setting about the bowling of J. M. Allan in a Gentlemen v Players match at Lord's, 1956

formed no more than "a basis for negoriation". But by 1938 he was scoring a century in his first Test against Australia. and by 1939, when he was still only 21, his achievements, said Wisden. "stamped him as one of the world's best batsmen".

For the last three years of the Second World War, Compton was with the Army in India, where he played a lot of cricket and scored many runs, among them an innings of 249 not out for Holkar against Bombay in the final of the Ranji Trophy. He was back in England by the end of 1945, and in 1946 resumed his career as cricketer and footballer where he had abandoned it in 1939. If Len Hutton was the master technician and Bill Edrich the doughty lighter, Compton was again the darling of the

On his first tour of Australia, in 1940-47, he scored four successive centuries, the last two in the fourth Test at Adelaide. Yet all his earlier feats were dwarfed during the English summer of 1947. From April until September the sun shone, and the more it did so the more brilliantly Compton batted. His aggregate for the season, 3,816 runs at an average of 90.85, has never been beaten and never will

be, now that so much less first-class cricket is played.

Against the South African tour-ing side of that year he scored 1,187 runs, which included four Test centuries. A good series followed against Australia in 1948 (563 runs at an average of 62), and in South Africa in 1948-49 he scored more runs than any batsman ever to have toured there (1.78) at an average of 84). Indeed, from the resumption of first-class cricket in 1946 until the end of his career, he scored almost 15,000 runs and hit 60 centuries.

Then came injury. From 1950 until his retirement in 1957 he was

frequently in pain from a rapidly worsening right knee. A full winter (1949-50) playing on the wing for the Arsenal was no help, and by the time he climbed the steps at Wembley in May 1950, to claim his FA Cup winners' medal (Arsena) 2 Liverpool 0), he knew that he had played his last game of football. An operation was necessary before he could play cricket that year, and although he returned in time to go to Australia for a second time, in 1950-51, he failed badly in the Test matches there. In the remaining years of his career it was sometimes sad to see him striving to play as he had before: the nimble, often outrapecus footwork was now seldom possible.

But because he was better on one leg, as it were, than most batsmen on two, he continued until his retirement to play for England. He was, in fact, batting when England regained the Ashes at the Oval in 1953, a famous day in the history of English cricket, and in Australia 18 months later he was at the wicket again when England retained them at Adelaide. In 1954, against Pakistan at Trent Bridge, he made an unstoppable 278, which was a kaleidoscope of the years gone by, and in 1955 against South Africa. his favourite opponents in more senses than one, he and Peter May carried England's batting between

After a further operation to remove his kneecap in the autumn of 1955 he was back for the last Test of 1956, in which he scored 94 against Australia at the Oval, and in the winter of 1956-57 he made his last overseas rour, to South Africa, Although he headed the Middlesex averages in 1957, he decided at the end of that season that he had had enough. "He will never be forgotten

for his precious gifts of nature and skill," wrote Sir Neville Cardus. In his first-class career Compton scored 38,635 runs (average 51.79), hit 122 centuries, which could have

been many more had he particular-

BARONESS SEEAR

ly wanted it to be, and took 613 wickets. He played soccer for England in wartime, and came near to doing so afterwards in a full international. His brother Leslie, also of Middlesex and the Arsenal, did win two full soccer caps. In 1951 and 1952. Compton shared the captaincy of Middlesex with Bill Edrich (they had long been known as the Middlesex "twins"), but the arrangement was not a success; in 1950-51 he was vice-captain of the MCC team to Australia, in those days a singular honour for a professional cricketer, but he was not really cut out for it. For England he scored 5.807 runs (average 50.60) and made 17 centuries. In 1958, following his retirement, he was appointed CBE for

his services to the game.

In retirement he worked for many years in advertising, reported cricket for the Sunday Express, sometimes on tour and not always with a ghost writer, and remained an unwavering, not to say head-strong, supporter of the old South Africa. In 1991 he succeeded his former county captain, F. G. Mann, as president of the Middlesex County Cricket Club, an appointment which was somewhat undermined by his reluctance to give credit where it was due to the younger generation.

Dashing and debonair as a younger man, with a face that during the postwar years looked out of every hoarding, Compton led an active social life, though never as garish a one as was sometimes made out. He was quite as much a man's man as a ladies' man.

He was married three times: first, in 1941, to Doris Rich; secondly, in 1951, to a South African Valerie Plan; and thirdly, in 1975, to Christine Tobias. His first two marriages were dissolved. There was a son of the first marriage, two sons of the second and two daugh-ters of the third. He leaves his widow Christine and his three sons and two daughters.

KEITH HORSEFIELD

Keith Horsefield, CB. monetary historian, died on March 25 aged 95. He was born on October 14,

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METICULOUSLY ordered and accurate by nature. Keith Horsefield combined a career as a civil servant with an academic interest in monetary. HE WAS BY BRITIONLY on 18th and early 19th century British monetary and banking history. But the culmination of his life's work was the weighty three volume treatise The International Monetary Fund 1945-65 (1969) which he edited and co-authored.

Born in Bristol, John Keith Horsefield was the third son of an Anglican clergyman. His father, an adherent of a strong fundamentalist grouping the Kensitite movement ruled his family with stern rigidity. This left its mark on Keith for many years.

He was educated at Monkton Combe in Somerset. a school with a tradition of educating pupils for the Army and the Church. Neither of these appealed to Horsefield who wanted to read mathematics at Cambridge, But, ill-



Compton allowed nothing to it to be said of his calling that it

prepared by his masters, he did not win a scholarship and had to content himself instead with a post at the Bristol branch of the Prudential Assurance Company. He remained with them for some 18

His time was not wasted, however. Attending economics classes at Bristol University he began to research the evolution and significance of the Bank Charter Act 1844. which led in 1937 to the award of an external degree by the university.

In 1938 he won a Leverhulme scholarship to the London School of Economics and later, after a short spell of teaching at Birkbeck College. he was appointed a lecturer on currency and banking at the LSE. He published The Real Cost of War in 1940.

That year he joined the wartime Civil Service at the tion and later at the Ministry of Supply. He rose to become director of programmes. He did not return to acade-

mia after the war but remained in the Civil Service. In 1947 he was appointed to the staff of the International Monetary Fund in Washington where, in due course, he became chief of the British Commonwealth division of the European and North American department. He was also editor of the IMF staff papers. Under his guidance a high standard of re-

search was maintained. Returning to the Ministry of Supply in 1951 he was shortly afterwards seconded by Nato in Paris to become deputy to the assistant secretary-general for economics and finance. This was followed by a further secondment in 1954 to the Iron and Steel Board as supply and development officer. Horsefield, however, found

the intricacies of the iron and steel industry foreign to his nature and was happier in his next appointment — though some saw it as a sideways move - as director of finance and accounts at the Post Offneeded financial and structur al changes and was appointed CB in 1957. He also worked on . his second book British Monetary Experiments 1690-1710. published in 1960 shortly after his return to America to become chief editor of the

Retiring in 1966 he continued to research and write at his home in the Isle of Wight. He had an enviable library. He also served as treasurer to a number of parish churches and to Carisbrooke Castle Museum. In later years, when failing eyesight meant he could no longer read, he contented himself with his love of music and with composing poems to his cats.

He is survived by his wife. Lucy, whom he married in 1934. There were no children.

Baroness Seear, deputy leader of the Liberal Democrats in the House

of Lords, died yesterday aged 83. She was born on August 7, 1913.

NANCY SEEAR was a lifelong Liberal, an indomitable political trouper and an active member of the House of Lords taught for thirty years at the London School of Economics and both then and later was an effective advocate for women in their working lives. She served on many public and voluntary bodies not as a statutory woman (and least of all as a statutory Liberal) but. as a person of clear mind, spirited opinions and restless energy. She was distinctive and individual without being eccentric, loyal to her political convictions but never didactic.

Beatrice Nancy Seear was

educated at Croydon High School, Newnham College, Cambridge (where she took a first in the History Tripos). and the London School of Economics. In 1936 she entered the employment of the shoe manufacturers C. & J. Clark as a personnel officer. one of the few professional roles in industry then open to women. She remained with Clark's for ten years, although serving for a while during the war at the Ministry of Aircraft Production. She then joined the staff of the LSE where she remained, latterly as Reader in Personnel Management,

She was a Liberal candidate at Hornchurch in the general elections of 1950 and 1951. This was the nadir of her party's postwar fortunes and, while winning a larger share of the vote than the national average, she came a poor third. She did no better in fighting every subsequent election un-

until her retirement.

In 1971 she was nominated as a life peer just as the Thorpe-led Liberal revival began to get underway. She had already been president of the Liberal Party in 1965 and

she now became tireless not only as a policy-maker and spokesman on economic policy but as an immensely popular guest and after-dinner speaker on the constituency rubber chicken" circuit.

When in 1977 the Liberals entered into an agreement to sustain the Callaghan Goverriment through the Lib-Lab pact she played her part, finding in Roy Hattersley a tolerable opposite number on matters of prices and consumer protection.

The formation of the Alliance, following the launch of the SDP in 1981, might have presented Nancy Seear with greater problems, given the possibility that it would end in merger. She was deeply rooted in her own party and hostile to the traditions of corporatism with which the "Gang of Four" had grown up in the Labour Party. But she recognised the primacy of Liberal MPs when it came to making decisions about the future, provided always that Liberal peers were properly consulted.

In the wake of the lead given

by David Steel, she co-operated in the new arrangements

with the SDP and brought her knowledge of economics and industry to bear in one of the two "Commissions" established to harmonise policies. In turn, she was high among those Liberals who most commanded the respect of the eading figures of the SDP. She was an active campaigner at by-elections and as she passed her 70th year might still be seen in all weathers canvassing on the doorstep or riding, loudspeaker in hand. on the back of an open lorry.

in 1984, after the death of Lord Byers, she took over as leader of the Liberal peers. As a star of BBC Television's Question Time she became something of a public figure.

recognised in the street to her amusement and quiet delight and enjoying her parliamentary role. But four years later, when the merger between the SDP and the Liberals had been completed, she nominated Roy Jenkins as leader of the new Social and Liberal Democrat peers.

She thus gave up her status a congenial and convenient office for a desk in a cramped room shared by others. She became deputy leader but remained as active as ever.

She stayed late at the House of Lords when business required it; was willing to speak on any subject (always without a note and often with a nice touch of mischief) if called upon by her party to do so; and, even when illness had begun to trouble her, managed to attend the House on four out of five sitting days.

After her retirement from the LSE, Nancy Secar became a visiting professor at City University. She served on the Top Salaries Review Body for 13 years and was president of the Fawcett Society, of the British Standards Institute and of the Institute of Personnel Management. She was chairman of Morley College, was elected an Honorary Fellow of Newnham College and the LSE and was awarded honorary degrees by the universities of Leeds, Exeter and

She was co-author of Married Women Working (1962) and A Career for Women in industry? (1964) and author of a number of other publications concerned with women at work. She was chairman of a House of Lords Select Committee on Unemployment, problems of unemployment, and the need for better industrial training, were dominant preoccupations in the closing years of her life.

Nancy Seear lived for many vears in a modest flat in Lambeth, escaping in the parliamentary recess to a small house in the Dordogne. She

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TAKE BRITISH HOLIDAYS.

The need of the 'Take British Holidays'

campaign, on which many home seaside resorts are embarking, appears to vary very much in different localities. An officer's widow, who keeps a pension in a North Devon seaside resort, boldly advocates, in a letter to The Times, a tax on all holiday makers, except those compelled by reasons of

health, who spend their holidays abroad.

With regard to the hardships which the growth of the practice of taking foreign holidays is inflicting, she writes: "I could quote several very hard cases, but will give you my own experience. I am, perhaps, more fortunate than some of my neighbours, as I have a pension, but I am expected to do a lot with it. During the summer months I take 20 to 24 visitors. With the exception of one maidservant. I 'run' my house with ex-Service men. From October until the end of March visitors do not come so far west. We all have to keep our houses open, and expenses are high Rents are very high in all seaside places, and coal is a big item. Very lew of us can afford to take a holiday when there is not a 'season'. and we work extremely hard. We all have children to bring up and educate. Our real season does not commence until

ON THIS DAY

April 24, 1926

An officer's widow who ran a pension in a North Devon seaside reson and who, seemingly, was having some difficulty in making a living, advocated a tax on all holiday-makers, except those compelled for reasons of health.
who spent their holidays abroad.

the end of June, but in past years we have always had many visitors at Easter and the ving two or three weeks. Last year Easter fell a week later certainly, but this year the weather was like summer. During Easter and the month of April last year my receipts were nearly £300. This Easter I have had three visitors for one week - who come to me each year. As for my neighbours, many are wondering whether they can pull through until the season opens in July. At a near seaside town, also one of the beauty spots of Devon, many of the boarding-house keepers openly say that unless things improve soon

they will be forced to close down." This experience does not appear to be

general. From inquiries made yesterday, it is clear that at many seaside resons the effect of foreign competition has not been felt appre-ciably. The holiday resorts on the South Coast, and those further afield, but within easy reach of large centres of population, received about their usual number of visitors

With regard to summer holidays, however. there is some concern for British resorts, for there is a large measure of agreement with the statement of Dr. W. Jenner in a lener published in The Times that many hotel and pension charges are too high. Cases were quoted of hotel proprietors at seaside towns whose attention had been called to the fact. that they could easily draw more visitors by reduced charges and modern attractions, but they had declared themselves quite satisfied with their present methods and charges and

uncir present profits The complaint of Mr. Haden Guest, M.P., published in The Times, that payment has to be made for walks on cliffs and access to bathing beaches is, so far as can be traced, limited in its application. That more games and opportunities for recreation are required is, however, undoubted ...

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Lottery plan angers doctors

■ Doctors and teachers poured scorn on Labour's plans for a "El billion jackpot" of lottery money for health and education last night, claiming that the party would use the weekly draw to pay for basic services.

Tony Blair and an array of celebrities had announced that the midweek Lottery fund, projected to raise £400 million profit a year, would be earmarked for health centres, homework

Poll shows Labour still ahead

A MORI poll for The Times, undertaken on Tuesday, puts Labour on 48 per cent, down one point over the past week. The Tories are on 27 per cent, down five, while the Liberal Democrats have gained four points to 17 per cent. Support for the Referendum Party has risen from 2 to 3 per cent Page 1

Calais chaos

Three rival ferry companies obtained an injunction ordering 15 French fishermen to end a blockade of Calais which caused 36 hours of cross-channel travel Pages 1. 2

Labour battle plan

The Conservatives published a "war book" containing a detailed Labour campaign plan and predicted that the party was planning a series of smears in the final days before polling...... Page I Everest death

Mal Duff, 43, one of Britain's most experienced mountaineers,

was found dead in his sleeping bag at Everest base camp hours before a planned ascent of the peak's south facePage 3 St Hilda's holds out

St Hilda's, Oxford's last single

sex college, voted to admit male academics as fellows but failed by one vote to secure the necessary two-thirds majority Page 3 Denis Compton dies

The Prime Minister led tributes

to Denis Compton, the cavalier of cricket who died in a Windsor hospital after a leg infection. He was 78.....Pages 5, 23, 25 Cornish heath fire

Fire swept thorugh a thousand Russia and China warned the acres of heathland between St lves and St Just in west Cornwall. damaging one of Europe's most

Rhinos abandoned

A British women trying to save from extinction the world's rarest mammal, the northern white rhino, has been forced to leave the animals to their fate because of the civil war in Zaire Page 7

Sacred sites

The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Archbishop of Canterbury are backing the Sacred Land project to conserve two thousand sites sacred to different faiths in Britain.... _Page 8

Sound of music The Peruvian Marines' anthem

blaring from speakers around the Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima told the hostages the rescue operation was about toPages 17, 23 French sleaze

Sleaze dominated the French parliamentary election campaign amid reports that the Government wants to amnesty corrupt politicians.... ... Page 18

French spy charged A French scientist has been

charged with treason after admitting he gave secret documents on his country's nuclear test programme to the KGB Page 18

Challenge to US

West that they will co-ordinate foreign policy in an attempt to challenge America's domination

Cat helps Mounties get their man

A cat has helped to convict a murderer. When a bloodstained jacket belonging to a woman who had disappeared in Prince Edward Island, Canada, was found, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police matched the DNA of cat hairs inside it with Snowball, which was living with the victim's estranged husband. He was arrested and convicted.



Borussia Dortmund fans enjoying themselves in Manchester before last night's European Cup semi-final with United

BUSINESS

Co-op: Andrew Regan and David Lyons, who are trying to take over the Co-operative Wholesale Society, may have to admit defeat in the High CourtPage 27

Digital: The chairman of Cable and Wireless Communications said the new company's 200-channel digital-television services will be avail-

Economy: The UK's five-year eco-

nomic upswing is set to continue throughout 1997 but there is a threat that inflation will rise next year, the IMF saysPage 27 Markets: The FT-SE 100 closed at 4387.7, up 41.6 points. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 100.1 to 99.3 after a fall from \$1.6370 to \$1.6233 and from DM2.8011 to DM2.7807... ... Page 30

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Football: Liverpool must throw caution to the wind as they seek to overturn a 3-0 deficit in their Cup Winners' Cup semi-final against Paris Saint-Germain at Anfield ..Page 52

Golf: All the debate at the Spanish Open eventually returned to the figure of Tiger Woods, the US Masters champion and golfing phenomenon_ . Page 49

Table tennis: China is aiming to accomplish the remarkable feat of capturing all seven world titles on offer at one of the biggest sporting events held in Britain Page 44 Racing: The Levy Board, racing's paymaster, told the British Horseracing Board it must cut out financial waste if the sport is to have extra prize-money Page 45

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Dizzy spett: Two re-releases. Hitchcock's haunting 1958 film Vertigo. and another vintage thriller. The Spiral Staircase, knock spots off this week's new films Page 37

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The single most worrying finding for the Tories in today's MORI poll is that more than a quarter of the public believe it is time for a change

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JOHN BRYANT

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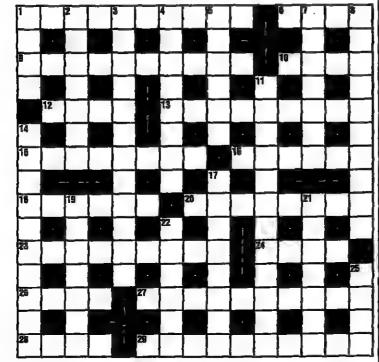
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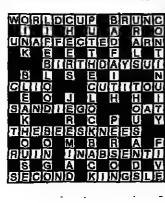
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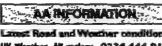
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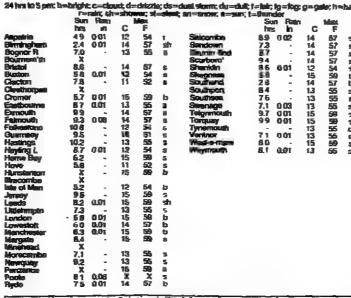
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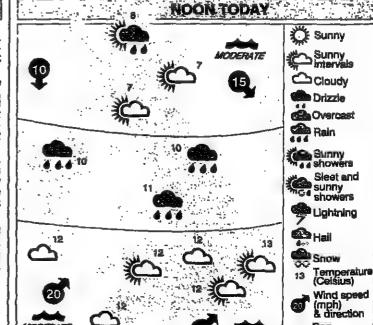
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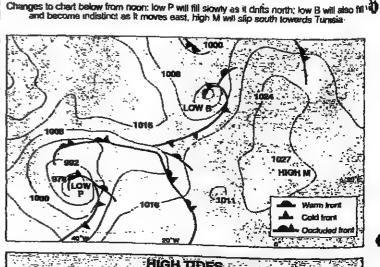


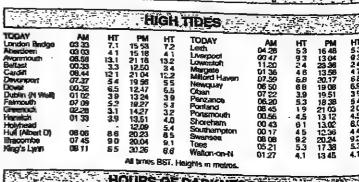
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THURSDAY APRIL 24 1997

IMF inflation fear as British growth set to continue

BY BRONWEN MADDOX, ALASDAIR MURRAY AND PHILIP BASSETT

THE UK's five-year economic upswing is set to continue throughour 1997 but there is a threat that inflation will rise next year, according to the International Monetary

The IMFs annual World Eco-nomic Outlook, published yesterday, gives warning that wage rises have begun to pick up as unemployment has continued to fall, and says the UK needs to tighten fiscal policy to rein in demand if interest rates

The IMF warning came as new sales and manufacturing data published yesterday provided further evidence of the country's "two-speed" economy. Retail sales grew again but the manufacturing sector remains subdued, with exports fall-

ing at the fastest rate for four years. The IMF report strikes an opti-mistic note, both for developed and developing countries, largely because of the robustness of the US economy and the improvement in Japan. But it gives a stern lecture on unemployment, calling on European countries, excluding the UK, to make radical reforms of benefits.

down unemployment.
The IMF credits the European

Monetary Union project with pushing through some reforms, but believes it is also "exacting a toll", partly because it is creating business and consumer uncertainty, and says that failure to push ahead quickly with monetary union will

further undermine confidence. The quarterly industrial mends survey, published by the Confedera-tion for British Industry, showed a net bulance of 23 per cent of companies in April reporting a fall in orders, compared with 18 per cent in March. Export prices are also dropping more quickly than at any time since the early 1960s. But total new orders picked up - with a net balance of 12 per cent of companies reporting an improved orders book -- boosted by an increase in domes-

tic orders. The CBI said the survey shows the rising pound is "starting to take its toll" on Britain's export performance.

Election uncertainty caused the pound to fall 2 plennigs yesterday to DA12.7807. Sterling's trade-weight-ed index declined 0.8 to 99.3, while the pound also lost ground against the dollar, closing over a cent down

Retail sales volumes grew by 0.3 per cent in March compared with 0.4 per cent in February, according to the Office for National Statistics. The annual rate also slowed slightly to 4.0 per cent, compared with 4.4

per cent in February. Economists said the trend in retail sales remains upwards, with sales volumes in the first quarter rising by 4.4 per cent compared to the same period last year - the largest increase since 1488. There is also concern that some retail price rises are beginning to stick, with

growing in spite of a 2 per cent increase in prices.

The minutes of the March monetary meeting, which were also published yesterday, show that Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, remains hawkish on the inflation outlook next year. and called at the meeting for a 0.25 ner cent rate rise.

The City is convinced that continuing evidence of strong consumer demand and pressure from the Bank will force the incoming Chancellor to raise rates after the May

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Short arms

Bank of Scotland ruled out the takeover of a building society, claiming they had become too expensive. The pockets but short arms.

Store surprises

Two regional department stores surprised the City with strong results. Both reported signs of growing consumer confidence, saying that the approach of the general election had not slowed spending. Page 33

CWC aims for digital launch in autumn

THE chairman of Cable and Wireless Communications said vesterday that the new company's 200-channel digital-television services will be available to customers by the autumn, possibly beating the BSkyB, the satellite

Dick Brown said a £50 million advertising campaign, one of the largest in British history, has been scheduled for the autumn to promote the television and telephony services provided by

He said: "We are aggressively going after digital. I think we will be digital at the same time or earlier than them [BSkyB]."

CWC, formed by the merger of Mercury Communications with the cable operations of Nynex, Bell CableMedia and Videotron, is to start trading on the London and New York stock exchanges on Monday or Tuesday, when its £5 billion share flotation is finally

BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International. owner of The Times, has stated that it intends to have its digital systems ready in the

However, there is speculation that delays in forming the new company designed to subsidise the retail price of the digital television set-top boxes may put off the launch until early next year.

BSkyB hinted yesterday that the formation of the company, which is known internally as the Interactive Services Company, or Isco. may not be announced until after the general election on

Isco is to be jointly owned by BSkyB. British Telecom. Midland Bank and Matsushita, the Japanese electronics company that owns the Panasonic brand name. In exchange for a collective

investment of about £500 million, all of which would be used to subsidise the prices of the television set-top boxes, the four are to share in the

interactive income, such as home shopping and banking, made possible by the boxes. Mr Brown, who is also chief

executive of Cable and Wireless, which will own about 53 per cent of CWC after the CWC's digital boxes are already being manufactured by General Instruments of

CWC stated last month that the boxes will cost £180 million. It is spending a further £110 million to build digital technology into its cable net-works. The company is also in negotiations with Walt Disney. Time Warner, Viacom and other programme producers for film and pay-per-view

Mr Brown said the size of CWC - it will start trading with almost 600,000 cabletelevision customers on Monday or Tuesday — will give it enough market clout to negotiate discounts with programme suppliers. including BSkyB, which currently provide the vast majority of the cable companies' television programme content.

in a separate development, Mr Brown said that Cable and Wireless has emerged as one of two contenders to buy a controlling, 49 per cent stake in Entel, the Panamanian national telephone company that is to be privatised during

May. The Panamonian Government is to keep 49 per cent for itself, but is to sell the remaining 2 per cent to the company's employees. GTE, the American local phone company, has emerged as the other bidder.

Winning Entel would consolidate the position of Cable and Wireless as the dominant telephone company in the Caribbean region and give it a stong base in Central America's fastest-growing telecoms market.

The company has a virtual monopoly in the Caribbean islands, with operations that stretch from Jamaica to Trinidad and Tobago.

New contender, page 31



A&L shares top auction average

By CAROLINE MERRELL

SHARES in Alliance & Leicester rose 12p to 545p yesterday, 12p more than the average price achieved in three auctions held by Cazenove, its broker.

The auctions were deemed to be the easiest method for the 27 per cent of A&L members who wished to sell straight away to dispose of their holdings. The service was free.

Many may now wish they had sold through their brokers. Each shareholder who sold through the free service offered by the Alliance & Leicester will now get £1,334 in their accounts on settlement day on April 28. If investors had chosen to seli shares on the first day of trading, they could have made £1,405, assuming a share price of 570p and commission of £20.

The average price paid for shares in the final auction was 528p. Top price was 550p and the bottom was 525p.

European fraud costs UK £8bn

By ROBERT MILLER

FRAUD in Europe is custing British taxpayers and consumers in excess of £8 billion a year, more than double previous estimates, according to an authoritative new report.

Deloine & Touche, the accountant and management consultant, said yesterday that international fraud across the European Union cost up to £42 billion. This figure will continue to grow unless governments throughout Eurone are prepared to put in place a tougher infrastructure. backed by both the resources and "the will to put fraud to

flight". Will Inglis, the Deloitte and Touche partner who compiled the Fraud without Frontiers report for the European Conmission, said: "Everyone pays for fraud through higher taxes, higher prices and shoddy goods, even if they are not a direct victim."

The scale of fraud within the EU and the way in which fraudsters use "havens of secrecy and fiscal paradises" has long concerned UK fraud squad officers. An anti-fraud budget spread across numerous UK agencies costs around

E50 million a year. The old-time favourite frauds still flourish. These include duty evasion on tobacco. alcohol, vehicles, oil and petrol. Fraudsters sell illicit goods without paying taxes to EU countries.

Newer-style scams now extend to the piracy of cassettes and CD recordings, as well as impersonation, fraudulent electronic banking, lottery frauds and pyramid sales

The report says the public sector is particularly vunerable to fraud "because the giving of grants, benefits subsidies is not always matched by an equivalent concern to monitor and prevent fraud". It has been said that in some countries, fraud is of a "comparable scale to the narcotics industry".

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Co-op bidders await injunction ruling Regan, received yesterday, gave widely CWS could embark on other legal

By Sarah Cunningham

ANDREW REGAN and David Lyons, the men behind a £1.2 billion attempt to take over the Co-operative Wholesale Society, may have to admit defeat tomorrow if an injunction against them

is upheld in the High Court. The injunction prevents the two men and Galileo, the company they have set up to carry out the bid, from using any material provided by Allan Green, a CWS executive who was suspended last week. A hearing tomorrow will decide whether the injunction should stand. A spokesman for Galileo said: "If the judge is very severe in his ruling and finds significant damage has been done, actions which could end the move."

Mr Regan, who heads the Guerseybased Lanica Trust, and Mr Lyons yesterday returned seven boxes of documents and computer disks that they received from Mr Green.

Mr Lyons, chief executive of Galileo, wrote directly to all CWS board members suggesting that the society's legal action be dropped so that members may consider the Galileo proposal. He sent a draft copy of the 72page proposal to the CWS secretary. Lennox Fyfe, chairman of the CWS, instructed that the proposal be re-

turned "unopened and unread". In a

CWS intended to press on with its legal action and secure a judgment for substantial damages.

Numura, which has been preparing to lend £1.2 billion to Galileo, said it was still interested in pursuing the deal. It is believed that it would consider lending a similar amount to other bidders that might emerge.

The war of words between the two sides continued yesterday, with CWS accusing Mr Regan and Mr Lyons of encouraging Mr Green, while Mr Lyons said that the material was "provided voluntarily by an employee of CWS". According to a CWS spokesman, affidavits from Mr Green, rereply to Mr Lyons, he said that the ceived on Tuesday, and from Mr

different accounts of the documents that had changed hands. He also said that, according to Mr Regan's affidavit, CWS diskettes were downloaded on to a large number of computers. Graham Melmoth, chief executive of

CWS, wrote to Lord Hambro at Hambros Bank and Alan Keat, senior partner at Travers Smith Braithwaite, Galileo's solicitor, asking whether they had asked Mr Regan how the documents were obtained. Travers Smith Braithwaite declined to comment, while Hambros said it "had taken legal advice, assessed the ramifications and concluded that we should support our client in developing the proposal".

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INSTITUTE OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

John Lewis chairman criticises fat cats

FAT-CAT bosses have been severely criticised by the head of one of Britain's leading retail groups, who called for pay and incentives to be shared out among

Stuart Hampson, chairman of the John Lewis Partnership, said yesterday that respect for business had been damaged by the fat-cat controversy and little had been done to repair the damage despite the Greenbury inquiry into ex-

ecutive pay. He told the annual conference of the Institute of Directors at the Royal Albert Hall in London: "Let's face it, the



Reports by Philip Bassett and **Christine Buckley**

Greenbury report hasn't put the matter to bed, It's just led to repackaging. The El mil-lion-a-year club continues to recruit new members as longterm incentive plans trip in."

Mr Hampson, whose own organisation operates a profitsharing scheme, said if generous pay was deserved by directors then it was also deserved by workers further down the line who had also

company. He said: "I firmly believe we

fairness in the relationship between rewards at the top and those throughout the business as a whole. If more thin cats' were having their contributions to success recognised and being fattened up, we'd be demonstrating that wealth creation benefits all those who create the wealth - not just those few who hold the

wealth, Mr Hamoson's comments follow a number of cases in which shareholder have opposed high-paying incentive chemes and were made in the wake of controversy about the monopoly utility

Mr Hampson said that pay should be based on performance and, in the case of monopolies, that the scope for performance would be less than in competitive industries.

High pay awards and share option benefits for directors gave rise to the Greenbury report into executive pay which called for a number of changes to stem boardroom

But the replacement of share options with complex long-term incentive schemes has aroused some shareholder unease where the pro-grammes have been seen to reward mediocrity. Last year institutional shareholders forced a modification of incentive plans drafted for the board of United Utilities.

Mr Hampson told the conference that if shareholders felt aggrieved they should think how employees felt.

The John Lewis Partnership, which has a unique corporate structure based on employees having a stake in the company, last month paid £82 million in a bonus to its 36,000 staff. Every member of shopfloor workers, received a payment worth 20 per cent of his or her salary.



Stuart Hampson called for greater fairness in setting pay for bosses and employees

Survey highlights problem of short-sighted companies

A SIGNIFICANT majority of Britain's businesses believe that companies are too shortterm in their outlook.

More than 86 per cent of bosses in an IoD poll said short-termism was a problem for UK business. But the directors also held up their hands as being guilty of not looking far enough ahead when planning business strategies. More than 61 per cent said in their own companies.

Tim Melville-Ross, Director-

truly competitive unless it looks forward to see where new competitive threats, and opportunities, are coming from."

ioD members were told that a survey by the Society of Practitioners in Insolvency indicated that nearly a quarter of all business collapses are directly attributable to a lack of strategic planning and poor management. Another study were more likely to grow rapidly if they spent more time

executive directors and outside business advice.

Skills gaps in the boardroom were also held up as a major problem. More than 80 per cent said skills gaps among directors were a serious obstacle for British business, while 55 per cent said it was a problem in their own awareness has been held up as tax were removed, he said, the the biggest difficulty in direc-

MICROSOFT, the world's

eading software company,

yesterday admitted missing

the importance of the Internet that it had to turn round its

days after it failed to realise the importance to the computer

industry and its own business

of the hundreds of thousands of linked computers which

Having managed to domi-nate the PC software market

with products such as Win-

dows, Win95, Excel and Word.

Microsoft failed to see the full

potential of the Internet, and

saw competitor companies

such as Netscape move in and

constitute the Internet.

short-termism could be tackled by a greater use of non-

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Labour's

plans on

minimum

wage

'nonsense'

TIM Melville-Ross. Director-General of the Institute of

Directors, launched a stinging

artack on Labour just a week

Mr Melville-Ross told con-

ference that a minimum wage

would cause unemployment

and be inflationary, and that

plans for trade union recogni-

tion would stoke the fires of

industrial discord. He also

said business feared higher

corporation taxes because of

Labour's commitment to re-

The broadside from the

head of one of industry's main

organisations will be a blow to

worked to make itself more

business friendly and had

Mr Melville Ross con-

demned as economic and so-

cial nonsense Labour's plans

for a national minimum wage.

Implementation of a mini-

mum wage would trigger an

increase in unemployment

and would focus the "help" to

those who least needed it by

benefiting better-off families.

He refused to be drawn into

saying at what level the mini-

mum wage should be set. The IoD leader said Labour

reassurances that changes to union law in the 1980s would

not be dismantled had been

damaged by its promise of trade union recognition in

workplaces where more than

50 per cent of employees demanded it. The opportunity for more trade union interven-

tion "clearly could be extreme-

ference: "We had rather taken

the point that the 1980s re-

forms would not be reversed."

Now there was talk of compul-

sory recognition of trade

unions, which would create

the opportunity for more union intervention, he said.

Lord Young of Graffham, president of the IoD, under-

lined business fears of higher

taxation. Once all the areas

options narrowed and busi-

terms of providing software

emphasised that his compa-

ny's employees needed a combination of technological skill

and entrepreneurial flair, and

had to respond quickly to

customer needs and execute the best marketing ideas.

entrepreneurial company makes mistakes. Microsoft

very nearly misjudged the

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Internet. We spun on a six-

pence, or five cents, to

reorganise our whole global

organisation within days."

He said: "Even the most

David Svendson, Micro-

Microsoft failed to see

importance of Internet

worrying", he said. Mr Melville-Ross told con-

constant dialogue on its poli-

cies with the IoD.

Labour Party that has

straint on personal taxation.

before polling day.

Court go-ahead for **Norwich Union float**

THE Norwich Union flotation giving nearly two million policyholders free shares worth an average of £1.000 has been approved by the High Court. Sir Richard Scott, the Vice-Chancellor, said that none of the four objectors he heard had persuaded him against sanctioning the scheme. He added that 98.8 per cent of Norwich Union members in the UK had voted for the mutual society to become a limited company. The result was announced last Friday after the mutual held an extraordinary general meeting at the London Arena

Sir Richard said that people who wanted to be members of a mutual society might well have reason to be aggrieved at the prospect of having to become shareholders of a limited company, but it was not a point that could be allowed to stand in the way of sanctioning the proposed transfer. The floration of the 200-year-old insurer is planned for June and about 1.3 billion free shares will be distributed to members. Norwich Union is raising £1.75 billion on the stock market. The new plc will be worth up to £5 billion.

PIA fines firm £70,000

THE Personal Investment Authority fined Berkeley Independent Advisers of Manor Road, Coventry, £70,000 plus £15,000 costs for failing to "have adequate procedures and resources" to monitor how its sales force were investigating pensions cases. The review was ordered after clients were wrongly advised to leave an employer's scheme in favour of private pensions. The PIA said Berkeley had admitted failing "to take all reasonable steps" to ensure its representative firms conducted pensions reviews in accordance with PIA standards.

Kvaerner jobs saved

KVAERNER, the Norwegian engineering group that owns Govan shipyard, said that fewer redundancies than planned were needed at the Clyde yard after winning a £27 million contract from Toisa Ltd to build two platform supply vessels. with an option for two more. Kvaerner said the work is timely and will help us to sustain many jobs at the yard until the summer of 1998". It added that Kvaerner Govan still needs to secure further significant orders, and its competitive edge is not helped by the strength of currency.

DuPont tops \$1bn

DUPONT, the US chemical firm, reported a rise in first-quarter net income to \$1.02 billion, from \$879 million. Earnings rose to a quarterly record of \$1.80 a share, up from \$1.57. The company said that while sales volumes were strong in both the chemicals and specialties sectors, selling prices were down because of a stronger dollar. Combined sales for the chemicals and specialty divisions were an adjusted \$5.9 billion, up 3 per cent. Petroleum sales were \$5.4 billion, up 15 per cent over last year.

CDs hit Mayking

MAYKING, the CD and cassette manufacturer that employs 360 people at its plant in Battersea, south west London, has gone into administration. Nigel Ruddock and Ipe Jacob, of Robson Rhodes, the chartered accountants, are now running the business, which includes Mayking Multi-Media and Mayking Cassettes. No job losses are expected. Mayking, which has a turnover of more than £30 million, has recently made investments of about £20 million, but low prices and overcap-

Flat first half at Siemens

SIEMENS, the German engineering group, reported flat profits of DM1.08 billion for the six months to September 30. First-half sales rose to DM44.7 billion, against DM42.3 billion the previous year. The company now plans to divest more noncore businesses than it had expected two months ago. Siemens expects to sell, or put into joint ventures, businesses with annual sales totalling about DM5.5 billion. A spokeman said: "We are following a strategy to strengthen our portfolio. It is a process that continues — buying and selling."

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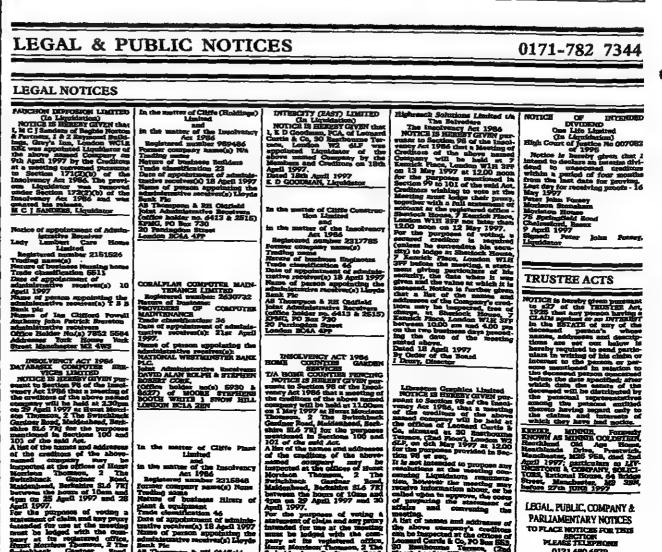
Notice is hereby given that the 183rd Annual General Meeting of the members of the Society will be held within the Sidlaw Auditorium, Edinburgh International Conference Centre, The Exchange, Edinburgh EH3 8EE on Tuesday 6 May 1997 at 11.30am for the following purposes:

- To consider the Accounts and Balance Sheets for the year ended 31 December 1996 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors.
- To elect or re-elect Directors.
- To fix the remuneration of Directors.
- To re-appoint Price Waterhouse as Auditors.
- To authorise the Directors to fix the remuneration of the Auditors for the current year.
- To transact any other ordinary business proper to an Annual General Meeting.

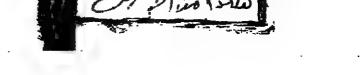
A member is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not also be a member of the Society. To be effective, proxies (and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy of that power of authority) must reach the Society's principal office not less than two clear working days before the time for holding the Meeting. Members or proxies who intend to be present at the meeting should bring with them details of their policy numbers or in the case of proxies the policy numbers in respect of which they have been appointed proxy, and in all cases some means of identification. Registration will commence at 11.00am.

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☐ IoD leaders need not preach ☐ Football as a game of more than two halves ☐ Eurotunnel price still in the dark

No profit in the directors' pulpit

THE tickets for the Institute of Directors annual shindig yesterday failed to carry the instruction that haloes should be worn. but a disturbing air of sanctimony hovered over the platform.

Stuart Hampson, the John Lewis partner who is more equal than the others, was there to berate industry's fat cats and call for "fairness". The Institute's director-general, Tim Melville-Ross, burbled on about the need for "honesty, openness, trust and integrity" in business. It was only the robust presence of Lord Young, the entrepreneurially inclined former Industry Minister, which provided reassurance that perhaps the loD has not entirely renounced the profit motive. With an imminent election and the uncertainties that brings, the business community might hope that in the IoD it could rely on an informed and eloquent advocate. On yesterday's showing, some members may now be considering whether their subscription is really necessary. Melville-Ross's intemperate, and unscripted, outburst against Labour policy may have enlivened proceedings, but it was hardly constructive. On its strength, he is hardly likely to be invited round for tea and cakes at

number ten on a regular basis.

But his scripted contribution

was equally unhelpful. If the boss of the IoD feels it necessary

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to ask his members whether they believe it matters that the values of honesty, openness trust and integrity be applied in business, then he should surely find

another cause to support.

There is little comfort to be had from the fact that 97.5 per cent of his audience pressed their buzzers to record that they did indeed believe such values matter. Would the brave 25 per cent please identify themselves and explain the thinking behind their own enterprises?

Apart from their ethics, Melville-Ross cast doubt on the financial abilities of British businessmen. They were, he said, suffering from a skills

Apart from trying to sell some of the IoD's various distance learning packages, the aim of his speech seemed to be to launch business on a glorified public relations drive.

The prospect of teams of directors going into schools to sell the idea that business is good seems likely to win few admirers if their message is couched in similar vein to yesterday's

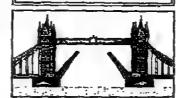
businessmen know exactly what their role is and are striving to fulfil it. They do not need Stuart Hampson to tell them not to be greedy or Tim Melville-Ross to

tell them to be honest. They may, however, benefit from having a strong voice to speak on their behalf, particularly with an incoming government. And if that voice does reach the ear of the next administration it should find better things to whinge about than a lack of equity capital. If Melville-Ross still believes in the existence of an equity gap, he is mis-informed as well as misguided.

Play the teams that know their goals

☐ The "so called" football sector has a market capitalisation of less than half the smallest sector of the FT Actuaries Index textiles and apparel — and has raised only £200 million from investors so far. Yet there is a plethora of City analysts who have turned into football gurus, from Nick Knight, the

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head of strategy at Nomura, downwards.

But however much you try and turn the analysis of football investment into a science, the fact is the bloke who sells you The Times in the morning probably has more insight into whether you should buy one football stock rather than another. Look at the recent collapse of Sunderland's share price as it plummets towards the Premiership relegation zone - and the rally in Southampton's price as it scrambles toward safety. When Sunderland floated we were told that relegation was already discounted. If so, why are the shares now nearly a pound below the offer price? And why should a by Southampton's Egil

Ostenstad take 7.5 per cent off Sunderland's share price and

put it on Southampton's?

The only safe investments in this sector are the football stocks with a proper income flow, where performance on the field is the icing, not the cake. Manchester United's performance against Borussia Dortmund last night will have little effect on its medium-term cash flow. The stadium sells out every eek, the merchandise income flows in and should anyone want to start a European super-league, United will be invited to join. UBS reckons such an invitation could add £15 million a

year to the club's profits. Who else qualifies in the quality stakes? Newcastle United, because of its fantastic home support, Tottenham Hotspur and Aston Villa, solid Premiership clubs with good commercial management, and Burnden Leisure, the owners of Bolton Wanderers, which has realised that being a middle-ranking club is not enough to be worth a listing and is setting about finding other ways of making money. Quoted clubs in the

lower reaches of the Premiership and the top part of the first Division should look and learn. Football is not enough.

Tunnelling towards the light

THE ways of French fisher-men, like French farmers and French politicians, are hard for the Anglo-Saxon mind to fathom sometimes, but some of the former must surely have a soft spot for Eurotunnel. Their horrendous blockades of cross-Channel ferries this week will have highlighted again the attractions of the tunnel.

The markets have been fed with well-grounded rumours for the past couple of weeks that today's 1996 figures would pro-vide positive news on refinancing . Indeed so. Forecasts for Eurotunnel have always been a mug's game, but the company has a chance of agreeing the financial restructuring with banks and shareholders by the the first anniversary of its first being announced, in October. This is not to say it will be easy;

those French shareholders, without wishing to sound too chauvinistic, share a similar militant mind-set with their fishermen. But they will eventually have to accept the dilution of their shares that will give the

banks half the company. The 30-odd steering banks agree that the refinancing should take place. Of the other 200, most must want out, and the secondary debt market planned by the big banks will facilitate this. Some analysis believe that the tunnel, ahead of the interest burden, was profitable in the second half of last year, despite the fire. All well and good; but those of a strictly logical. Cartesian mind should not think too hard about the nonsense that is Eurotunnel's current share price.

Gas blast

CLARE Spottiswoode has rallied to Centrica, the successor to British Gas that supplies the stuff. From the woman who did more than most to bring the company to its current state, this seems a case of too little, too late. She believes Centrica, as a nonmonopoly, should not be hit with a Labour windfall tax. Logically, the entire burden should fall on the other half, BG, owner of the TransCo monopoly. Shareholders, please note - your regulator is not finished with you yet.



James Radcliffe, left, and Derek Stott, joint chairmen of Laytons Wine Merchants which has been acquired by its managers for an undisclosed sum from Graham Chidgey, the owner for 32 years. The business has an annual turnover of £7 million, and the buyout was backed by NatWest.

Missing millions hit Molins shares

BY FRASER NELSON

SHARES of Molins suffered ten years after the packaging machinery group said it had uncovered a £7.4 million hole

in its accounts. The company has sent in KPMG, its auditors, to investigate Langston, its corregated board machinery business in the US, after discovering that the division's profits had been overstated by some \$12 million

over several years. It has already fired Walt Belville and Leo Maynes, two Americans in charge of the business, replacing them with managers from the UK. Both executives were on a profitsrelated bonus scheme that could add a further 30 per cent

to their salaries. Michael Orr, chairman, said there was no suggestion that any cash had been embez-

gulf between the actual and reported value of Langston's stock. He said: "We ran a bonus scheme like most US companies, which could have provided some motivation in doing this."

Langston reported a profit of £3.7 million for 1996, 15 per cent of group total. It is understood that £1.85 million of this was overstated, and that the missing £5.55 million could have been pencilled in over a period that could stretch as far back as ten years. KPMG is due to submit

a full report by July. Mr Orr attempted to calm market nerves by saying that 40 per cent of the overstated profits could be reclaimed through tax rebates. However. the shares plunged 974p to a

ASB seeks derivatives disclosure

BY ROBERT BRUCE

THE Accountant Standards Board is set to oblige companies to disclose their use of derivatives and financial instruments.

Today it publishes its financial reporting exposure draft on the subject. which unexpectedly suggest the new rules should be mandatory. When it published its views in discussion form last year a majority of respondents argued that the rules should

be for guidance only. The new rules, which are expected to come into force next year, would apply to all bank and insurance companies and all other companies which have a capital instrument itsted on a UK market

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Bank of Scotland rules

BANK OF SCOTLAND yesthey had become too, expen-sive. Peter Burt, chief execu-tive said: "We have deep

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22 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £664.1 million for the year to February 28.

Mr Burt said he was building a network that could remain effective for at least 15 years. His aims were to keep shareholders and customers happy. The final dividend is lifted to

5.31p (4.40p), payable on June 20. This raises the total annual dividend 20 per cent to 8.22p. While the UK, which conlion, still accounts for the bedrock of the BoS businesses, in New Zealand, the Coun-Australasia is starting to make trywide Banking Corporation reported a 36 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to NZ\$82.8 million (£34.1 million), while its mark even though the BankWest acquisition has yet to live up to expectations. It

made a pre-tax profit of \$A150.1 million (£69.5 million). \$9.8 million below its forecast. Mr Burt said the profit shortfall arose mainly from

Bank of Wales saw profits rise to £14 million although this unprecedented competition included an exceptional gain of E7.4 million from the sale of Buoyant figures give lift to Forthright Finance to NWS Bank. Without the one-off sale item profits were up 120 per cent to £0.6 million. NWS Bank, a BoS flagship,

reported pre-tax profits of El31.5 million, compared with El21.7 million in the same

the back of retail mortgages.

Of the other BoS businesses.

period last year.

Mr Burt believes the decision to link up with Sainbury's Bank, which said this week that it had recruited more than 100,000 customers who deposited more than E100 million. has vindicated his stand not to overpay for a building society branch network.

the supermarket chain rolls out in the South East next month Mr Burt believes that the number of customers might double.

out building society buy By ROBERT MILLER, BANKING CORRESPONDENT and the consequent pressure on margins in the West Ausindependence by reporting a tributed 87 per cent of the bank's profits at £536.8 miltralian home loans market.

terday ruled out the takeover of a building society, claiming pockets but very short arms. Societies are expensive for

what you get at the moment." The bank, which is also frequently talked about as a possible takeover target for Royal Bank of Scotland, yesterday set out its stall for

Commercial Union shares

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

SHARES of Commercial Union rose yesterday on the back of buoyant new business figures that confirmed an upturn in worldwide demand for long-term savings products.

General Accident. a fellow composite insurer, also rose strongly after a positive trading statement at its annual meeting. By the market's close, CU shares had increased 13p to 653p, while those of GA were up 2012 p to

Analysts were encouraged by predictions from Lord ness increased 25 per cent to £853 million in the first three

sales of investment bonds and individual pensions. However, new annual pre-

to be announced on May 13, would show much improved trading results over 1996. At CU, worldwide new busi-

months of 1997, while sales of investment products rose to £85 million, up 12 per cent. In the UK, single premium sales more than trebled to £153 million, reflecting healthy

miums were down 4 per cent Airlie, chairman of GA, that to Ell million, with a 22 per

first-quarter figures for 1997, cent increase in individual pension sales being offset by lower group pension business. Worldwide, new annual

premiums were 28 per cent higher at £74 million, while sales of single premium products rose 27 per cent to £694 million. The worst performing market was France, where a reorganisation of the life salesforce and the product range affected new business and market conditions were less buoyant than in the comparable period last year.

When the joint venture with Tempus, page 30 City Diary, page 31 competition from the rival Hard Rock

Prince buys restaurant stake By Alasdair Murray

PRINCE al-Waleed bin Talal is teaming up with Hollywood stars, including Sylvester Stallone and Demi Moore, to launch the Planet Hollywood theme restaurant chain across Europe and the The Prince, billionaire nephew of King Middle East.

Fahd of Saudi Arabia, has won the right to develop 34 new restaurants in cities ranging from Brussels to Istanbul. He has also acquired regional rights to

the Official All Star Cafe, Planer Hollywood's new sports themed restaurant chain which has won the backing of Andre Agassi. Monica Seles and Tiger

Woods. The prince will take a 1 per cent

stake in Planet Hollywood International

Robert Earl, founder and president of Planet Hollywood, floated the company on Nasdaq last year, with financial backing from leading Hollywood stars. Shares in the company raced from an \$18 opening price to hit a high of more than \$28. But the price has since crumbled over fears that a deal to develop casinos and hotels with ITT Sheraton will be shelved following Hilton's takeover bid for the Sheraton chain.

Planet Hollywood is also facing stiff

chain - which Mr Earl also founded, but which is now controlled by The Rank Group. But Mr Earl insisted yesterday that the new deal marked a significant step forward in expanding the Planet Hollywood concept internationally. In recent months the Prince has

purchased six of the Princess chain of hotels from Lonrho for £350 million. He has also taken 5 per cent stakes in TransWorld Airlines and Apple, the computer company, and bought the George V Hotel in Paris from Granada for ElO4 million.





Carpet shares have rug pulled from under them

market and the uncertainty created by the General Election are causing problems for

the big-ticket retailers.

ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the leading stockbroker, says carpet shops are among the worst hit along with the furniture retailers.

Lord Harris of Peckham's fast-growing Carpetright led the way down with a fall of 42'ap at 480p, along with Allied Carpets, 7'ap off at 244p. DFS Furniture, which delivered impressive profit numbers on Tuesday, added another 21ap at 552p, supported by some bullish comments from NatWest Securities. This rubbed off on MFI Furniture. 'ap up at 1391ap.

Matthew Siebert at Hoare Govert did the damage yesterday. He told clients that these retailers were highly geared to top-line sales and if those sales failed to materialise, it would have a major effect on the bottom line. Carpetright would be the worst hit. Its sales would take longer to recover because they were at the lower end of the market.

He calculates that every 1 per cent decline in like-for-like sales would mean a 5 per cent reduction in pre-tax profits. As a result, he has cut his profit forecast for Allied Carpets by El million to El7 million for this year, followed by a further reduction of £1 million to £21 million in 1998.

He is sticking with his April year-end forecast for Carpetright of £34 million, but has reduced next year by £2 million to £41.5 million. He is unmoved at £38 million for DFS this year, but has cut next year by £2 million to £47 million. He expects £74 million from MFI this year, but has lopped £3 million off next year's £85 million.

People are not moving or doing up their houses. March housing transactions were still below those of March 1995." he said.

signs of a recovery in the final quarter. "The outlook does look better once the election is out of the way. The Budget in November should be consumer friendly", he adds.

Share prices in London responded positively to the surge overnight on Wall Street, which saw the Dow enjoy its second biggest one-

day gain. There was little response to the latest call by Eddie

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interest rates, published in the March minutes of the monthly economic meeting with the

But with New York opening on a cautious note, prices in London closed below their best of the day. The FT-SE 100 index touched 4,396.1 before to 918p and Kalon 4p to 13012p.

News of a bid approach saw Cullens touch 2634p before settling just 12p firmer at 24p. At these levels the food retailer is valued at just £6 million.

Laura Ashley dropped 512p to 145p after a line of 3.29 closing 41.6 higher at 4,387.7. million shares passed through

THE speculators put in a show at MEPC, helping to raise the price 9p to 479p. Several lines of stock went through late in trading, including 150,000 at 480p and 100,000 at 480p. Once again, there is talk of a possible bid from rival Hammerson. 1/2p firmer at 431/2p. MEPC is valued at £1.96 billion.

A total of \$78 million shares

changed hands. ICI stood out with a jump of 19p at 72012p ahead of firstquarter figures later today. with SBC Warburg reckoned to have picked up 800,000 shares at a 10p premium to the ruling market price. These figures are expected to mark a low point in the group's fortunes, with pre-tax profits tumbling from £202 million to

the market at a 5p discount to the ruling market price. The group is due to unveil full-year figures tomorrow which are expected to show pre-tax profmillion. Brokers will be anxious to see what plans Ann Iverson, the new chief execu-



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Laura Ashley shares fell 512p ahead of figures today
George. Governor of the Bank of England, for another rise in sector, BOC Group rose 10 ¹ ap

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pound and falls on other European bond markets meant that London was unable to hold on to earlier gains tive, has for the future. A profits warning saw inspired by a subdued set of Molins touch 565p before retail sales. The auction for £2 closing 9712p down on the day billion of Treasury 7 per cent 2002 was comfortably 3.49 times oversubscribed. The June series of the long gilt finished Ela better at El091732 as 42,000 contracts were completed. added five ticks at £10234. was off a tick at £1021732. NEW YORK: In the morn ing shares were mostly flat, with trading confined to a band around Tuesday's clos-Filtronic Com 317130 (-9p)

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manufacturers, has uncovered financial irregularities at its US subsidiary overstating its Zurich: profits last year by £7.4 A profits warnings also took its toll of Eurodis Electron. London: 4528.4 (*15.1) Schroders jumped 4712p to £15.7212, with BZW said to be urging clients to switch out of Mercury Asset Management,

up 2612p to £12.9712. The hosepipe ban does not look like having much of an impact on Hozelock, where the price jumped 45'20 to 42512p on the back of its latest trading update. E:SDR

The figures from Exxon on Monday, revealing a stronger than expected performance from its downstream operations, set the wires buzzing.

down 37p at 13312p.

Tony Alvis, oil analyst at Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, says the producers have struggled to make money out of their refining and marketing interests. sharp rise in the oil earlier this year only added to the problem, squeezing margins further. "But the message from Exxon was positive."

He continues to recommend Shell, 1312p dearer at £10.84 ahead of those first-quarter figures. NatWest Securities, the broker, is looking for net income to be virtually unchanged on the last quarter at El.3 billion, but down 17 per cent on the £1.6 billion last

Others to go better yester-day included BP, 11p to 715p, Enterprise Oil, 712p to 619p. and Hardy Oil & Gas, 5p to

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ing levels. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 10.83 points higher at 6,822.76.

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at 645p. The group, which makes machinery for tobacco Paris 2533.64 (+18.97) 995.70 (+3,60)

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Burt's canny Scots

of Scotland. No nasty black holes from trading in esoteric, or downright dangerous, derivatives and a 52.5 per cent cost-to-income ratio that should be the envy of all its major

competitors bar the Abbey National. But perhaps canniest of all is the way in which BoS has overcome the lack of a branch network. This was perceived as essential to any bank intent on becoming a big wheel in retail financial services. Not so BoS. It simply did a deal with Sainsbury's and, hey presto, in just eight weeks the new Sainsbury's Bank, in which BoS has a 45 per cent stake, signed up more than 100,000 customers who deposited 100 million. And the best is yet to come. The new bank will display its wares in the South

STICKING to the knitting has much to recommend it as a business philosophy. Just look at what Peter Burt has achieved at Bank personal loan markets.

If critics were to point to the fact that BankWest, the West Australian bank, failed to meet even its prospectus targets, the answer from Burt would likely be a "so what?". BoS can use the bank as a base from which to launch a nationwide telephone banking operation. Perth. the state capital, is nearer to Singapore than Sydney, and many Singaporeans now have holiday homes in West Australia. Get the picture? The market may have only marked up the shares 'ap at 338'ap. But then you could probably buy BoS shares and go away for five years sale in the knowledge that it would most likely outperform its bigger and swankier brethren.

Molins

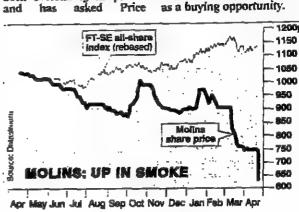
OH DEAR. Whatever is to become of Molins? The once proud makers of cigarette rolling machines has had what can only be described as a dreadful few months. And to hear the depressed sounds coming out of the City: the expectations are that things n only get worse.

The trouble with Violins is sat no one is particularly cited about its core busiess. Even the guys who run e company have given up noking. And it is no good lling everyone that the Chiese are still puffing away ke Thomas the Tank Engine then they read about the passive payouts being conimplated by the likes of BAT nd Philip Morris. The inention of pyramid tea bags hould have brought it a boost, but that was not con-

That is why Molins decided to surge into the US. But it is all going horribly wrong. First it loses an eight-year court battle to protect its patents. Then the strong pound hit just as Molins was expending on the other side of the road. Now it finds that one of its subsidiaries has been overstating its profits

Waterhouse and KPMG to find out what is going on. Inevitably, the market has over-reacted. Taking another 13 per cent off the share price

in minimal trading means the Molins stock is down a third since the misery started. But there is still a decent core business, if a little dull. Treat this bad news as a buying opportunity.



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WHILE all around, insurers are rushing to make bids for the handful of remaining mutuals left in the wild. Commercial Union is sitting on its hands.

CU has expressed reservations about "buying at the top of the buil market" in the UK. This is in spite of rumours that CU and BAT, owner of Eagle Star, were in talks last year over combining operations in a rapidly consolidating insurance industry.

Although there is still plenty of opportunity for CU to join in the bidding, it has been far from idle in the interim. New products in Poland and Italy have pushed up sales of longterm life business. And although volumes are still relatively small, these provide a balance to the difficulties experienced by CU in France. where it has its biggest exposure.

CU's French operations are now more than twice of

business looks weak at present, it is only in comparison with a very good 1996. In spite of these difficulties, France still pulled in £357 million worth of new single premiums as opposed to a mere £153 million in the UK.

Cli's strategy to look to Europe and beyond for profits may seem contrary to insurers fixated with pulling off the best deal in the UK. Nevertheless, a 25 per cent worldwide increase in new business shows CU's policy of diversification means it can balance difficulties in one country with rapid growth in another. An attactive combination.

Umeco

UMECO, we are told, is in the process of regeneration. Passing the baton from one generation to the next. From the directors that brought you the surge in Burnfield's shares behold a new Umeco.

Lovers of the old Umeco might be feeling uncomfortable. The company has so far made its fortune on the strength of a steady management style - which led to yesterday's apparent acquisition from heaven.

Enter Brian McGowan. former chairman of Burnfield and current chairman of House of Fraser. Rather than being dazzled by the former, shareholders would do well to cast an eye towards the latter. As befits the young turk he once was. McGowan is talking of an aggressive expansion strate-This smacks of either gy. This smacks of either high leverage or consistent cash calls, and a break from the considered approach.

McGowan has his fans, and yesterday's surge in share price shows, they have aiready bought their tickets. For the undecided. McGowan leaves two examples: Burnfield, which shot to fame before Farley bid for it, and House of Fraser, which has been an unmitigated disaster from start to finish. Be cautious.

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iberal Democrats, to their credit, have tried to be honest about tax. A penny on the standard rate of income tax would pay for small, defined improvements in education. A few pence on a packet of fags would finance limited cuts in health charges. Compared with new Labour's last-ditch attempt to purloin surpluses in the National Lottery to make its fiscal sums come out, this looks like a shining example of playing fair with the electorate.

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Beyond that lowly standard, the most charitable view is is that Paddy Ashdown is playing the game with greater integrity than than his rivals. The idea of linking tax measures directly to proposals for extra spending — the dreaded and rightly maligned concept of hypothecation — is essentially a side-show because it operates only at the margin. Liberals have adopted it because nothing better is deemed to be within the grasp of electors. More accurately, television and radio producers and newspaper editors have decided that voters cannot scan the bigger picture.

The bigger picture is crucial to Britain's future. The two main parties, as if by mutual consent draw a discreet veil over it. Tories want to cut taxes but know that their intentions have little recent credibility. The Institute for Fiscal Studies has correctly exposed the gap between their good intentions and their manifesto commitments. On this analysis, gratefully accepted by Labour, the tax cuts implicit in the Treasury's Red Book forecasts are unlikely to be realised.

Labour knows that higher taxes do not win elections. The first Budget of a Labour Chancel-

Cynical silence over tax burden portends worst of all worlds

lor would directly raise the tax burden — possibly above 40 per cent — by levying the utility tax. That will mainly be a burden on utilities' nine million shareholders but will also cut their nonregulated investment in the economy.

Both parties are stuck with a grudging and secret consensus that the total tax burden will stay a touch short of the 40 per cent of national income currently devoted to government spend-ing. This issue should be vital to the fiscal debate, if only it were acknowledged. But it is not. Taries want voters to think they will cut the tax burden. Labour wants voters to think they will not raise it. Failing some unlikely and risky monetary plan to join the euro at the first opportunity, it is more likely that the tax burden will rise modestly over

the next couple of years.

Tax and spending are intimately linked. The need to raise taxes to pay for spending seems obvious. The impact of taxes on public spending is just as important, especially when there is little prospect of changing the aggregate totals.

In spending, the critical question is how to switch resources from welfare handouts to public services. In taxation, the critical question is how



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to distribute the burden to best advantage. The two are inevitably connected. Cuts in income tax on low incomes should yield a direct and substantial offset in public spending cuts just as, in the opposite direction, imposition of VAT on fuel required an offsetting boost to pensions for those for those for whom domestic is a disproportionately big expense. Any switch to taxes such as VAT that raise the cost of living is malign because it increases public spending on price index. Labour's plan to cut domestic fuel tax is in that sense welcome. It would doubtless be permitted by the European Commission in exchange for political concessions.

The tax burden is unlikely to fall under the Tories and will surely rise under Labour. The election should therefore focus on how best to distribute that burden. The principles are simple. Taxes should distort activity as little as possible unless they are meant to, as with drink and tobacco duties. No taxes are welcome. Low rates of tax, such as stamp duties and Kenneth Clarke's imposts on insurance and air travel, are the best.

The total tax burden is so high, however, that distortions are inevitable. These should therefore be directed towards public policy objectives. A switch from Employers' National Insurance Contributions to corporation tax would directly promote employment with no net cost to the corporate sector. Motor taxes, likewise, should promote environmental objectives.

Given the automatic link between consum

prices and public spending, direct taxes are generally better than taxes on the sort of spending most families are committed to. Both parties should therefore be happy to appease the EU by aiming to cut the main VAT rate to 15 per cent.

How ludicrous, therefore, that both Tories and new Labour, for different reasons, are committed to lower rates of tax on incomes. Do they take electors for morans? Any tax over 50 per cent is bound to distort behaviour. The Tory drive to cut income tax rates is, however, as much of a confidence trick in the context as Labour's espousal of a 10 per cent basis rate, In order to minimise benefit spending, basic income tax allowances should far higher and allowances should be given for family responsibilities. Realistically, this is impossible unless marginal rates of tax are raised at the top end of the scale, even though many higher-rate taxpayers would not actually pay more tax.

If Labour is to raise more tax, which is likely if the dividends from spending financed by the utility tax prove sluggish, the need to levy low rates to disturb economic activity as little as possible will be paramount. A 1 per cent levy on credit card transactions would, for instance, be infinitely preferable to attacks on pension fund tax allowances, which are likely to have a perverse impact on revenue and saving.

Since 1979, distribution of tax has sometimes been inspired, as in cuts in absurd top income tax rates and corporation tax allowances. Just as often it has been perverse, subordinating eco-nomic efficiency to short-term political appeal, Judging from the electoral debate so far, even

New contender CWC enters the ring to square up to BT

Eric Reguly

looks into an upcoming big prize fight

in the telecoms industry

The £21 billion telecommunications market will be turned on its head next week. On Monday, or Tuesday, the shares of Cable and Wireless Communications (CWC) will start to trade on the London and New York stock exchanges. The company is expected to have a market capitalisation of £5 billion and will onse the higgest threat yet to the domination of the industry by British Telecom.

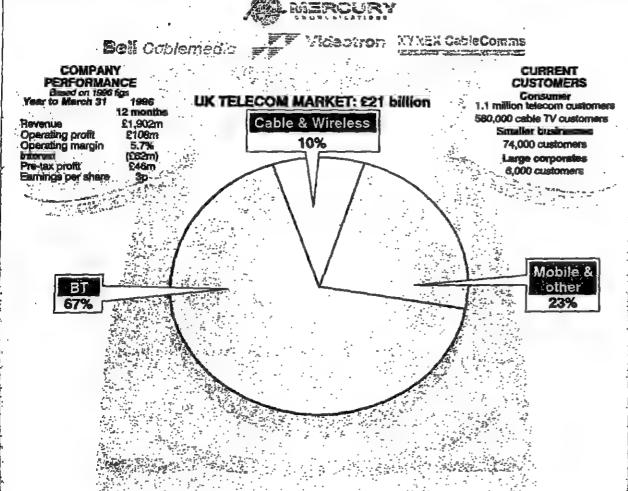
CWC brings together Mercury Communications, which is 80 per cent owned by Cable cable companies - Nynex. Bell CableMedia and Videotron: The new operation, which will be 53 per cent owned by C&W, will start with 1.2 million telephony customers, 600,000 cable-TV customers and pro-forma revenues of almost £2 billion. CWC plans to spend £2.3 billion on development over the next two

years.

The potential to grow is enormous. The three cable companies in CWC are only half way through a multibillion pound expansion programme that will see its highcapacity, multimedia networks pass six million homes. CWC also wants to expand through acquisitions. It does not even rule out buying TeleWest, the largest cable company in the TIK, at least until the floration of CWC, or adding One-2-One. the mobile phone company that is half owned by C&W. to

the mix. But CWC's success is far from assured. Sceptics have dismissed CWC as "a marriage of weakness" and think the increasingly savvy and nimble BT might have the last laugh. Indeed, cable companies have been the dogs of stathe stock market for the simple reason that consumers have shunned their services in

The industry has suffered from a reputation for shoddy service, impotent marketing. high prices and mediocre programming; only about one in five homes that has access to cable subscribes to the service. The irony was rich. Most of CABLE & WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS: TAPPING IN TO THE UK MARKET COMPANIES THAT WILL MERGE TO FORM CWC



the dozen or so cable companies were controlled by American or Canadian corporations that considered themselves masters in the servicing and marketing departments.

ratio is doubled, CWC could, become a textbook case on failed mergers. Dick Brown. the chief executive of C&W and chairman of CWC, admits: The hardest challenge well have is to make this company work."

When Brown, 49, arrived from America last July, C&W was a mess. Lord Young of Graffham and James Ross. the two top executives, had been ousted because they could not stand the sight of each other.

The group seemed obsessed with small deals like snapping up minority stakes in far-flung phone companies while ignoring the big picture. It was getting battered in the domestic market, struggling to build presence in continental Europe and America, and was

not sure how to deal with China's impending takeover of Hong Kong, where it owns 59 cent of Hongkong Telecom, the most valuable business in C&W's global empire. BT had hoped to make Hongkong Telecom its gateway to the Far East and tried to negotiate a merger with C&W. What would have been the telecoms deal of the decade unravelled two months before Brown's arrival.

Brown, the former chief executive of H&R Block, the world's largest tax preparation company, spent much of his career at Ameritech, of Chicago, one of America's largest regional phone companies. His appointment at C&W was a surprise. A man with virtually no international experience was to run the world's only truly global phone company. C&W, once called imperial and international Communications, was the ears of the British empire and had built operations in about 50 countries. His learning curve was near vertical. Brown has been waking at before 7am. His office. Lord Young's former digs, is covered with maps so he could make sense of the international network. He has even learnt the rules of cricket, a favourite sport in many of the countries in which C&W operates, although he is still grasping with the concept of a "googly

Tinkering, instead of bold moves, occupied his early months. He yanked C&W out of its potentially costly telecoms alliance with Veba in Germany, reduced or eliminated a handful of overseas investments and ramped up the marketing effort at One-2-One, which had fallen well behind Orange, its younger

CWC is Brown's biggest and riskiest move. If the grand scheme fails. Brown will undoubtedly be remembered as yet another loud-mouthed American who underestimate ed the British cable market. CWC is a massively complicated beast. The US Securities and Exchange Commission file ran to 800 pages, the

biggest in the agency's history.
Brown said: "We're taking four companies and smashing them together. We've created something that has never existed before - a cable company with an international phone network and a customer base for entertainment services."

The new company will be marginally profitable, but only enough to offset the substantial losses at Nynex, Bell CableMedia and Videotron.

C&W has a four-part plan to make CWC a success. It will make the improvement of customer service and marketing a priority. Brown will not reveal details, but said that CWC is to spend £50 million on an advertising campaign one of the biggest in history -

Secondly, it will merge operations, such as billing, servic-

ing and network control cenconceded that the figure for job losses would run into "four digits". Analysts think that as many as 2,000 jobs, equivalent to 15 per cent of CWC's workforce, could disappear.

Thirdly, CWC wants to fill the one glaring hole in its portfolio. It needs a mobilephone company and One-2-One is the only logical choice because it is half owned by C&W. The problem is that US West Media Group owns the other half of One-2-One and has shown no interest in selling, partly because it is an investor in the TeleWest cable company, one of CWC's main competitors.

Brown thinks US West may have a change of heart. Earlier this week, Airtouch, an American wireless phone company, agreed to buy US West's domestic wireless business for \$2.3 billion. The move, CWC hopes, will trigger the sale of US West's wireless operations overseas, including its stake in One-2-One. US West, however, said that it had no immediate plans to do so.

Tinally. CWC will spend almost £300 million to make its cable systems ready for digital TV. Digital techno ogy will give the viewer the choice of 200 or so film, entertainment, sport and speciality channels and will eventually make interactive services such as video-on-demand and home banking possible.

Yesterday Brown predicted that CWC's digital network would be ready before the one under development by BSkyB. the satellite broadcaster that is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times. CWC has placed an £180 million order for digital set-top boxes with General Instrument of America and is by attacking the CBI for negotiating with Walt Disney. Time Warner and Viacom, among others, for film and

pay-per-view rights.

BSkyB has said it hopes to 1980s launch its digital services by the autumn, but it has not yet pressed the start button. It is still in negotiations with BT, Midland Bank and Matsushita, the Japanese electronics maker, to form a company designed to subsidise the retail to get an easy price of the set-top boxes.

There is speculation that BSkyB will have to delay its digital launch until early next year unless the negotiations come to fruition within the panies next month or so. Brown said: "We are aggressively going after digital. I think we will be digital at the same time or earlier than them." asked his wife to marry him

13 regional 28 years ago yesterday. After my story this week that his other internal youngest daughter Melanie bodies on the has become engaged to the basis of a docson of a Major General, her elder sibling has followed suit. Annabel, 26, who is about to graduate as a physiotherapist, is to marry Patrick, Peter Agar, his deputy. a captain in the Black Watch until this year, and the youn-gest son of Colonel and Mrs

> options. First, a move that would "rule out EMU for the foreseeable future". Secondly, joining EMU as soon as is practicably possible though not necessarily on its planned start date of January 1, 1999. And thirdly, maintaining the Govern-ment's single currency optout but going through preparatory procedures like co-operating with the establishment of a European central bank before making an

monetary union, says Philip Bassett

joining at some point." CBI leaders, who met yes

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a copy of the CBI's document

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headquarters - but not in the sense that the IoD senior official implied. CBI leaders were angry because of what they claimed was the misrepresentation of a careful consultation with industry on probably the key question facing business. CBI members are genuinely undecided about the single currency. and the Confederation is trying to inch its way towards what it hopes will be a

on the issue later this year. The issue has provoked Young of

the institute's president, said yester-day: "The loD is against a single cur-rency. The former Conservative Cabinet minister raked

criticising Tory union reforms of the order to have an easy life". He said: "I hope they are not just supporting a sin-

life again." After polling its member comyear and receiving an unclear answer on economic and monetary union, the CBI is now consulting its

Lord Young: anti-EMU

The document sets out the advantages and disadvantages of a single currency. and then proposes three

entry after observing EMU in operation.

view has been informed by extensive local-level with business, carried out with the Bank of England and the British Chambers of Commerce. Companies have voiced cerns about a single curren-

cy and have made clear their intention to get on with it if necessary. at times regardless of what political and

husiness leaders might rec-

ommend. Business leaders know that they need to reflect as accurately as they can what they believe industry and services want to do in relation to EMU - but outside observers suspect there may be an ideological overlay at the moment, with the CBI seen as largely pro-Europe and EMU, and the freemarket IoD seen as against it, with their survey findings

coloured accordingly. Further internal consultations may produce a more coherent answer eventually. But it's not there yet. And if that's a less good story, it is at least an accurate one Business would be mad indeed not to get the single currency issue as right as it

Philanthropist Weston

GARRY WESTON, the 69year-old chairman of Associated British Foods, whose personal wealth is estimated at E25 billion, emerges as Britain's leading philanthropist. The net assets of the Garfield Weston Foundation stand at £1.7 billion in terms of the market value of ABF and Fortnum & Mason shares, according to the Baring Asset Management Top 3000 Charities. Weston's charity is exceeded in size only by the Wellcome Foundation, with assets of £8 billion, and the Church Commissioners, with E2.7 billion. Glaxo Wellcome tops the list of stock market donors, while the Imperial Cancer Research Fund is the number one charity.

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EVER wondered how Peter Burt, group chief executive at as well as numbers from her



the Bank of Scotland, has managed to keep the bank out of the expensive pitfalls into which his competitors seem regularly to fall? It's simple, he says. "Never ever play poker with someone who's richer than yourself. You'll never win."

Star turn

HELEN SHAPIRO will be the star turn at this year's Building Societies Association annual conference in Brighton. The Sixties songstress has been picked to entertain guests at the two-day seminar that begins on May 21, with past hits, including Walking Back to Happiness.



more recent jazz foray. If this is too much for delegates to handle, the BSA fun run, sponsored by Fenchurch Insurance Services, will take place the morning after.

CALUM MacLEOD, chairman of Britannia Building Society, waited until the end of vesterday's annual meeting to crack his first joke. In response to a loyal member who stood up to deliver a passionate speech on mutuality. Dr MacLeod thanked him for his comments, adding: "But may I point out that you're preaching to the converted ... or should I say unconverted."

Party salesmen

PEOPLE would be happier buying a life assurance policy from Tony Blair than John Major, according to a survey by Cornhill Life. The grinning Labour leader was 5 per

they would most like to look after their personal finances, 6 per cent said Gordon Brown twice as many as cited Kenneth Clarke, Currently on the lookout for new recruits, lan Reed. Comhill Life's general manager, said: "I'm afraid none of the party leaders would be able to convert enough leads into sales to justify the offer of a

centage points ahead of Pad-dy Ashdown and John Major

who captured 13 per cent of the votes each. Asked who

Arbib double

IT HAS been an emotional month for Martyn Arbib. chairman of Perpetual, who

larly if you are living in North and South London or Devon, where the A&L has inserted 500,000 bookmarks worth £5 each at branches of Waterstone's, but only if you open an A&L Giro account.

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Doiceau, Belgium. Racing

her sister up the aisle.

Annabel has her sights set on

Alliance & Leicester share

price fluctuate? Then reach

for a library book, particu-

a late summer wedding.

MORAG PRESTON

CBI orchestrates a punctilious search for single currency accord

Industry leaders have been angered by

reports that they are ready to back

Institute of Directors, at its annual Royal Albert Hall conference yesterday, to re-ports that the Confederation of British Industry was "poised" to support Britain

currency. Mad they were at the CBI's bleak Centre Point

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ument drawn up principally by Adair Turner, the CBI director-general, Kate Bark-er, his chief economist, and

BORED with watching the

Enterprise Inns buys Discovery for £46m

CONSOLIDATION of the independent pubs sector gathered pace yesterday with the £46.2 million purchase of Discovery Inns by Enterprise Inns. Enterprise will own nearly 1,200 pubs after the Discovery deal and says it is negotiating to buy more. Enterprise's ambitions were

underlined by yesterday's three-for-eight rights issue. which will raise £33.2 million for the pub group and significantly reduce its gearing, giv-ing it about \$50 million to fund further acquisitions.

Ted Tuppen, chief executive of Enterprise, said: "We have the operating structure in place to manage 1,500 pubs. We want the whole estate to be managed by licensees, with each pub being a business in its own right. Each pub is like a non-branded franchise, and

City 'star system' defended

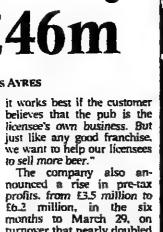
BY ADAM JONES

A TOP corporate headhunter told a conference in London that securities houses are unlikely to stop singling out star performers for enormous salary and bonus packages, despite public concern.

Andrew Lowenthal, a

partner at Egon Zehnder International, said a "world price" is now being paid for top performers, reflecting the ease with which they can move between major financial centres. A more difficult issue for employers was differentiating between "truly who are more mortal".

However, he added, the perception that individuals can boost profits should ensure that the star system continues.



turnover that nearly doubled to £23.6 million from £12.4 million. Earnings rose from 7p a share to 10.7p, and the internal dividend is increased to 2.5p (2.25p).

The Enterprise acquisition comes after JD Wether-

spoon's move this month to create 10.000 jobs through the creation of 350 pubs, and a recent string of acquisitions by Century linns, which now owns more than 400 outlets. It is now eight years since

the Government introduced the beer orders, which forced brewers to sell large chunks of their estates.

The growth of the independent pub sector has largely been based on companies buying these pubs and leasing them, under the agreement that the licensees buy all their

beer from the pub owner.

Mr Tuppen says: "We don't like to think of ourselves as just middle men. Running a pub on your own can be rather lonely and bloody hard work. We bring expertise and buying power.

Enterprise, created in 1991 by a syndicate of venture capitalists, started with 370 pubs. increasing these to 500 by the time it was floated in 1995. A year later, after buying the John Labatt pub group for ESI million, the group had more than 900 outlets.

Analysts are now cautious about how long the independent pub boom can continue. John Carnegie, from BZW, pendent companies own about a quarter of pubs in Britain. Over the next four years, that could end up being about 50 per cent. But we think there will be a consolidation in the pubs market before long."



Ted Tuppen, left, celebrates Enterprise's acquisition of Discovery Inns with Hubert Reid, chairman, centre, and David George, finance director

Record half-year for Anglo Irish

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

ANGLO Irish Bank Corporation said a strong financial performance and market position would enable it to sustain growth in the current year.

The bank reported a 22 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to IrEI3.7 million in the six months to March 31 and a 23 per cent increase in earnings

to 1r4.23p a share.

The bank said the results were the best half-year figures in its history and were due to strong, sustained organic growth that demonstrated the fruits of strategic direction. The interim dividend is increased 10 per cent to Irl.65p a

Anglo Irish said the banking environment in key markets was favourable, with the Irish economy continuing to perform strongly and the British economy witnessing a recovery. Because of intense competition in the financial

success, it said. The bank plans to continue to concentrate on secured lending to the middle market and professional corporate sectors in the Republic of Ireland. In Britain, it intends to continue concentrating on the growth of business while protecting the quality of exist-

services market, management

of margins held the key to

ng business. Deposit growth during the six months was strong, it said, with an 11.7 per cent increase to Ir£2.33 billion, most of it from Ireland. The healthy liquidity and the group's cost income ratio fell to 44 per cent, it said.

The bank, which is frequently cited as a possible takeover target, said it "valued its independence."

Most UK firms stay **British**

THE vast majority of the UK's largest companies have remained under British ownership since the Conservatives came to power in 1979, accord-

ing to a new survey. Out of the top 500 UK companies in 1979, only 70 of those are no longer British owned and nine of the 1979 top 25 were still there in 1996, said CCN, the information

services specialist.
The US is the largest foreign owner, with 16 of the companies that were in the top 500 in 1979. The biggest company to have been adopted by a foreign as it was known in 1979. The state-owned carmaker, renamed Rover in the 1980s, was bought two years ago for £800 million by BMW of Germany.

the Operating and Financial Review. More transparency is

required, particularly on

board remuneration: the fi-

nancial implications of direc-

tors' pension rights and

incentive arrangements are

still often obfuscated. Share-

holders would surely welcome

a report on key issues dis-

cussed by the board itself.

subject to commercial secrecy.

this year's Stock Exchange and Chartered Accountants'

Awards for Published Ac-

counts, the role and substance

of the report as the primary

means of shareholder commu-

nication is overdue for review.

The largely historical perspec-tive and often poor presenta-

tion do little to enhance investor confidence, especially

as most market attention fo-

cuses on the preliminary

The internet offers opportu-

nities to enhance access for all

As speakers made clear at

Housing hit by 'vicious circle'

BY SARA MCCONNELL

A - VICIOUS CIRCLE - is opening up in parts of the housing market, with potential buyers holding back from putting their home up for sale before they have found a place to buy. thus further exacerbating the shortage of properties.

in its latest quarterly regional house price survey the Nationwide Building Society said this circle "needs to be broken if current supply log-jams are to be resolved". It adds: "In the end this is only likely to be achieved through price increases." Existing homeowners are the key to breaking the deadlock, said the society, but prices will have to rise further before potential sellers are convinced that they will get an acceptable price for

their own property.
The North-South divide widened in the first quarter of the year, with London recording

rises of almost 5 per cent while Scotland and northern England remained almost static. Nationally prices rose 13 per cent. S.6 percentage points up on the previous year and the fastest rate of growth since

London saw price rises of 21 per cent over the past year. while the outer metropolitan area just outside greater London saw rises of 12 per cent. Rises of 15 per cent in East Anglia have eradicated much of that region's negative

In contrast prices in Scotland have fallen over the past

The sharp rises in London and the South East reflect the shortage of supply, which is most pronounced in these areas. In central London prices are now above their 1989 peak, says Nationwide.

Film and TV lift Disney

Walt Disney, the US entertainment conglomerate, reported a \$333 million profit for the first quarter of the year after a strong rise in revenues and oper-

aring income.

The big leap from the \$204 million last time reflected a full contribution from the recently acquired Capital Cities-ABC television network.

The TV company has added to Disney's earnings mix but its audience ratings have slipped against NBC and CBS. Disney is now shaking up ABC's management

Revenues rose 10 per cent to \$5.5 billion, while operating income soured by 34 per cent to \$864 million. The group's film operations performed well, with a substantial income contributed by The English Patient, starring Ranulf Fiennes, which was nominated for nine Oscar awards.

Michael Eisner, the chairman, said that the theme park business and its ESPN sports TV cable channel produced healthy profits, while worldwide merchandising also grew strongly. Over the past six months revenues for the whole group have risen 8 per cent to \$11.8 billion. while operating income grew 24 per cent to \$2.3 billion.

PGA scores higher

PGA, the property group turned golf course operator, lifted pre-tax profits last year to £2.7 million from £478.000. on a turnover of £4.8 million, up from £790.000. Earnings per share were 0.44p. up from 0.34p, and a total dividend of 0.5p (nil) will be paid on July 16 (no

The company, which was called Union Square before it bought Algarve Golf Courses and PGA in May last 'year, yesterday announced the acquisition of a 50 per cent interest in Woburn Golf and Country

Club for £5.7 million. The group hopes to take demand for golf television coverage. PGA says it has already sold £6.6 million worth of its commercial properties, with more disposais to follow.

ACCOUNTANCY

Can investors close the gap?

Matthew Gaved on the role

of institutional shareholders

in corporate governance

The current orthodoxy is that institutional shareholders can play a much more active role in the governance of listed companies than is now the case. This is challenged in a report. Closing the Communications Gap: Disclosure and Institutional Shareholders, published to-day by the ICAEW.

Domestic and overseas institutional investors now account for more than three quarters of the value of shares on the stock market. The ten largest investors alone make up a quarter of total market capitalisation. Many comanies now have one or more shareholders with stakes in excess of 5 per cent, and about a third of the largest companies have at least one instirutional investor with a stake in excess of 10 per cent.

The popular expectation is, therefore, that these investors would wish to, and should, play a key role in the governance processes of the companies in which they invest.

Institutional investors gen-erally supported the initiatives over the past few years to try to improve standards of corporate governance. The pacesetters are also beginning to take the initiative themselves. Last month Hermes recommended that non-executive directors

Unconvinced by

the full Monti

should be paid partly in shares. CalPERS, a big US fund manager, launched global guidelines that would abolish show-of-hands voting and combined chairmen/CEOs. Institutional shareholders,

however, operate under practical, legal and organisational constraints that help to explain their relative lack of Most institutional investors

have the bulk of their holdings, by value, in the top hundred companies, which make up three quarters of stock market capitalisation. For many smaller fund managers with relatively small holdings, the time cost of actively monitoring the impact of the quality of companies' boards and their standards of corporate governance may be hard to justify.

Active involvement by fund managers tends to focus on companies in which the instishareholder and is biased towards

tution concerned is the largest clearly underperforming companies even though many others in the portfolio may be perform-ing satisfactorily but well bew their potential. There is also a reluctance on the part of many institutions to receive confidential information that would make them insiders.

accountants. Signor Monti

himself did little to cheer his

audience. "Coming finally to

the questions which are more

direct interest to the Institute members..., he said. And

then, some five pages later, he told them that this had been

"rather a rapid tour d'horizon

of our work in the accounting

and audit field". Restless mem-

bers remained unconvinced.



Matthew Gaved offers a challenge to current orthodoxy

institutional shareholders be persuaded to pay greater attention to governance issues?

The answer lies in placing more relevant and reliable information in the public domain in easily available form. This would also help smaller fund managers and private investors who are often ig-nored. Annual meetings might

become more worthwhile events with a greater focus on a company's intentions and prospects.

Greater disclosure in areas such as corporate strategy, market share and position, performance against objectives and risks faced is essen tial. Even the best companies have scope to improve. Indeed, the time may have come to

shareholders and to provide more up-to-date information in a cost-effective way. Information might be produced more frequently than at By redefining their investor mmunications strategies, boards can enhance their accountability to all shareholders and create a more robust framework to promote corporate performance, long-term enterprise and shareholder value.

Matthew Gaved is editor of Governance, the corporate governance newsletter.

it fell to Roger Adams, head of technical services at the Assofrom the preparers of accounts.

Black-Scholes and astronomic losses

ASTRONOMERS talk of black holes where all the normal physical rules, such as gravity. are turned upside down. In the equally made world of financial instruments and derivatives people talk of Black-Scholes. These were the two US academics who devised a system in the early 1970s that enabled companies to value options. From that has grown a whole industry starting with the first swap in 1981 between the World Bank and IBM.

Since then the business of financial instruments has revolutionised the corporate world. But even now it also divides that world. Some argue that derivatives are the business equivalent of the doomsday machine and that world markets will face some sort of meltdown as chain reactions of misfiring financial instruments trigger unforeseed global disasters. Others take the relaxed view that, properly understood and carefully handled, financial instruments are simply a way of trying to minimise risk. The problem is that some of the financial

complexity involved is viewed as being akin to rocket science. And all the public ever sees is the occasional announcement of what appear to be astronomical losses at a bank because no one either understood or was supervising what some lad in treasury was up to.

It is into this arena that the Accounting Standards Board (ASB) is lobbing its draft rules on how companies should disclose their use of deri-vatives and other financial instruments. As you might imagine it is a fairly fraught exercise. But there should be no panic. Any company should, theoretically, already be following simple rules.

BRUCE Large companies will be aware of the rules that the International Accounting Standards Committee put into place last year. The new ASB draft is simply putting a series of disclosure proposals out for further discussion. If the ASB can get finalised rules published by November this year then these would probably be in force for year ends on or after the end of April next year. For most companies of any size none of this should cause too much of a problem. But history shows that calling for any new disclosures, particularly in an area which is complex and controversial, means opposition

The first thing that will antagonise them is that the ASB is asking for disclosures to be mandatory. When the ASB sifted the respons-

es it received on its discussion paper it found that the majority were in favour of nonmandatory disclosures. Partly this was because the disclosure was intended to appear in the operating and financial review, which itself is non-mandatory and discursive. But the ASB feels that, despite not commanding a majority, the arguments that something as important as disclosure of financial instruments has to be mandatory should carry the day. The disclosure can still be discursive and appear in the operating and financial review but will have to be cross-referenced to the notes to the accounts and so be mandatory.

The aim is very simple. As the ASB puts it: 'An entity should provide a discussion of the major financial risks that it faces in its activities and the use it makes of financial instruments in managing each of these risks."

And although much of the essence of these rules has effectively been in the public domain for some years it does not mean that they have

Company Reporting, the Edinburgh-based monitor of reporting practices, carried out a survey last November and found that few companies were disclosing information that would enable analysts to form a view. But they also showed, through the disclosure practices of a handful of mostly blue-chip companies, that by and large the sorts of disclosures that the ASB was suggesting were

ROBERT

perfectly possible "In highlighting the disclo-sure practices of some notable companies," their report concluded, "we show that no major practical difficulties stand in the way of providing

information that would enable analysts to better form an opinion as to the risk profile of a company's treasury function." Or as Allan Cook, the ASB's technical director, put it this week: "Derivatives are quite normal but they have the ability to transform accounts." On that basis it is quite reasonable for companies to provide the information so that the risk profile behind the

company can be gauged and compared with that of other companies.

And the simple act of disclosure will continue the process of demystifying the whole derivatives industry. If financial instruments are better understood, particularly by boards of directors, then the dangers of corporate melidown will recede

Umeco ap

joint lead

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IT WAS perhaps unfortunate timing. The English ICA, long before announcements about general elections, had invited Mario Monti, European Commissioner responsible for the single market, to speak at its annual dinner this week. As a result, a lengthy but

thoughtful speech made little headway among a gathering of predominantly Euro-sceptic

Tax post-haste ONE should never underesti-

PANY COTVERER BUSINESS

mate the nation's belief in order and tidiness, particular-ly in its financial affairs. The Inland Revenue spent the first week of its efforts at getting the introduction of self-assessment off the ground worrying whether it had managed to post the eight million tax

came as a bit of a surprise to find that by the first Saturday some 20 taxpayers had al-ready completed the forms and sent them back.

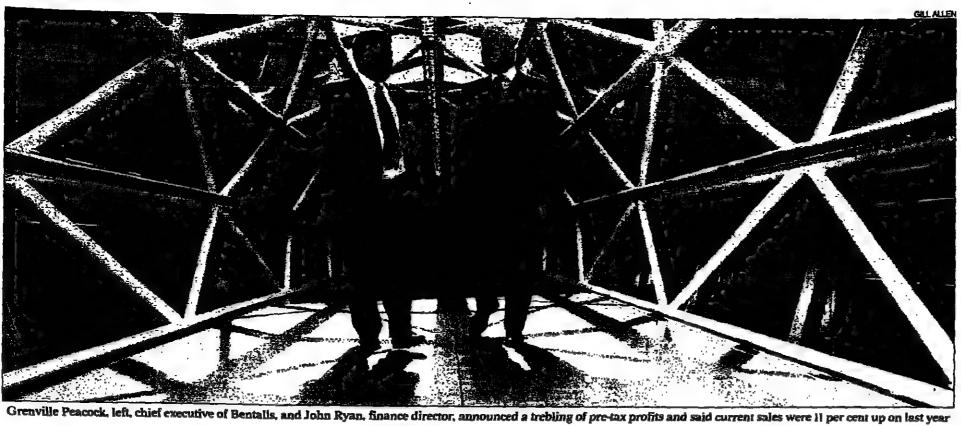
forms to the right people. So it

Sludge success THE most unlikely things can bring you praise. At the presentation of this year's Environmental Reporting Awards

ciation of Chartered Certified Accountants, which sponsors the awards, to give the judges' views on the winners. He praised Anglian Water for introducing industry norm fig-ures as a benchmark by which the company's own performance may be judged. And what example of benchmarking did he use? - "sewage sludge use". Where there is muck there is brass, as the water companies say.

Well on Kelling

Bentalls and James Beattie advances surprise City



Retailers report strong recovery

By Sarah Cunningham

BENTALLS and James Beattie, two regional department store groups, yesterday sur-prised the City with stronger than expected sets of results.

Both reported signs of growing consumer confidence, saying that the approach of the general election had not slowed spending.

Traditional department stores were among the worst hit by the recession earlier this decade. In recent months, led by John Lewis, they have



begun to show the benefits of the housing market recovery, with spending on household goods rising and spending on clohing and footwear also

James Beattie, based in Wolverhampton, reported a 30.2 per cent jump in pre-tax

increasing

profits to £7.6 million in the year to January 31. Sales at the group, which invested £2.5 million in up-

last year, reached a record £98.8 million, up 9.5 per cent on the previous year. Its operating margins rose from 5.7 per cent to 7.3 per cent.

grading its chain of nine stores

Earnings per share were 12.4p (9.1p) and the company will pay a final dividend of 6p (5.05p) on July 7, making a total of 7.75p (6.65p). Sir Eric Pountain, chairman,

store in Bristol, bought from the John Lewis Partnership which has moved to an edge of said the outlook for high street

spending is healthy this year, whoever wins the election next week. Spending will be fuelled Beatties by windfall payments as building societies and insurers demutualised, he said. "I believe the economy, and in particular

> town site, in the second half of next year.

outlet at Kingston upon Pre-tax profits rose to £3.7 sales are 11 per cent ahead of million from £1.2 million for the same period last year. The the 53 weeks to February 1 on company plans to open a new sales that improved to £97.3 million (£86 million). Earnings were 7.49p from 1.74p. The total dividend rises 25.2 a 2.18p final. The company put the cost of refurbishing the Bristol store at £26 million. including the purchase of the 125-year peppercorn lease. Bentalis ended the year with

net cash of £1.4 million, compared with borrowings of E17.2 million a year ago, after disposing of some rental interest in the Bentall Centre in Kingston to Norwich Union for £9.85 million.

Beatties shares closed 7p higher at 15312p while Bentalls was lip higher at 13812p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Mine liquidation hits Waverley shares

SHARES in Waverley Mining dived 15p to 3912p after a £23 million coal mine that has been bedevilled with flooding problems went into liquidation with the loss of 300 jobs. Monktonhall Colliery, near Edinburgh, which is operated by Waverley, has been working on a care and maintenance basis since the flooding was discovered last month.

The company has peritioned the Court of Session in

Edinburgh for the appointment of a provisional liquidator. The National Union of Mineworkers believes the pit could open in weeks, however, A union spokesman said: "The water problem has been contained and as far as we are concerned we should be returning to production." The company said holes had been bored to assess the extent of the water damage, and it had taken technical advice, but it concluded that the cost of removing the water meant

Lonrho stake to be sold

THE European Commission said Anglo American Corp had agreed to an EC demand to cut its stake in Lonrho to 9.99 per cent from 27.5 per cent. The Commission feared the South African group's stake in Lontho, which has a substantial interest in two South African platinum mines, would put control of the world's platinum industry in the hands of Anglo and Gencor, the South African mining house. The Commission believes its ruling will allow the three South African platinum producers, Anglo, Lonrho and Gencor, to continue to exist separately.

Scruttons departure

SHARES of Scruttons fell 70p to 260p after the freight ferry and port services company announced the immediate departure of Angus Fraser as chief executive and said that first-half profits would fall short of expectations. Max Gladwyn becomes executive chairman. Profits would recover in the second half, the company said, and the interim dividend would again be held at op a share.

Hughes doubles profit

TJ HUGHES, the department store operator, doubled pretax profits in the year ended January 25 to El.8 million, on a turnover of £63 million, up 24 per cent from £50.9 million. Earnings per share jumped from 3.2p to 6.14p, and a final dividend of 2.08p will be paid on August 4, making the total 2.92p (2.65p). George Foster, a director of Aliders, a rival store operator, has been appointed managing director.

Smith & Nephew invests

SMITH & NEPHEW, the healthcare group, plans to lift 1997 R&D spending by £2 million to £35 million. Eric Kinder, the chairman, also told the annual meeting that forecasting this year's trading outcome was "particularly difficult" because of the strength of sterling. The Dermagraft artificial skin product. which Mr Kinder said has a market value of about £1.5 billion. is due to be launched later this year in 13 countries.

Sykes forecasts growth

ANDREW SYKES Group, the restructured industrial services company, said it is poised for growth, both organically and by acquisition. The company reported pretax profits of £7.9 million for the year to December 28, compared with £4.7 million for the final nine months of 1995. ings of 33.8p a share compared with 19.2p previous final dividend of 6.5p a share lifts the total to 10p from 3p.

Umeco appoints joint leadership

BY FRASER NELSON

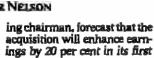
BRIAN MCGOWAN, the entrepreneur who now chairs struggling House of Fraser, is to take the reins of Umeco, the serospace components company,

Mr McGowan and Mr Snowdon, who left Burnfield as chairman and managing director respectively when the electrical equipment group was taken over by Fairey, take office on Monday. The news was well received in the City where Umeco's shares, which have trebled in value over the past 12 months, rose 38 2 p to a

near-high of 297p.
Before moving to HoF Mr McGowan played a crucial role in building up Williams

The rise was lifted by news that Umeco has bought GRP, a plastics manufacturer, from private hands for £9.2 million placing and open offer with 4.09 million shares at 2450.

1994. It sold the company to Triarc, which



The company also forecast show a pre-tax profit of £2.5 million (£1.85 million) for the year to March 31 — in line with expectations. It has proposed a final dividend of 3.7p. which would lift the total to 5.5p (4.26p).



Hozelock acts to halt ban fears

HOZELOCK, whose investors have taken fright over the prospect of yet another prolonged hosepipe ban in many parts of the country, acted yesterday to stem the decline in its share price to (Martin Barrow writes).

The company, a leading supplier of gardening products and accessories, said first-half profits would come in at around £3 million, little changed from the same period the previous year but it expected a greater proportion of earnings to come in the second

The company's shares re-covered 45p, to 425p, yester-day. David Codling, chief executive, said an early start to spring had created ideal selling conditions and a significantly smaller pro-portion of the UK population was affected by water

Warning hits shares

By ADAM JONES

SHARES of Eurodis Electron, the electronic components distributor, plummeted 36p to 1332p yesterday when it issued a profits warning only a strong recovery in sales.

retail spending, is on course.

Thames, Surrey, said current

Bentalls, with its flagship

The company, which was formed from the 1995 merger of Britain's Electron House and Switzerland's Eurodis, said that results for the year to May 31 would fall well short of current forecasts. The shares have languished

since reaching 312p in January 1996. However, after the confident statement at the start of the year, the price rallied past One analyst said that exper-

tations of full-year, pre-tax profit had now slipped from £8 million to £5 million. He said that the optimism over improved orders at the start of the year petered out when an expected seasonal upturn failed to occur. The stagnation of the elec-

Eurodis Electron made £3.06 million pre-tax profit in the six months to November 30, a 34 per cent fall on the same period in 1995, excluding exnai profit on a disp However, it raised its interim

Smithburg as soon as a new chairman

of Eurodis Electron

which are saddled with high operational gearing. Eurodis Electron also said that it was being hurt by the strong pound.

said that 1997-98 performance should be much improved. dividend 5 per cent to 1.95p.

- a valuation of nine times restrictions than at this stage of 1996. He added: "We are earnings. The deal will be funded through a £10 million having an excellent April, tronics market in Europe has with strong demand for our put pressure on distributors, products across Europe." George Metcalfe, the outgo-

Quaker Oats suffers \$1.1bn loss

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK owns other soft drink brands, for only QUAKER OATS, the food group, reported an unprecedented \$1.1 billion loss for the \$300 million.

Quaker was widely thought to have first three months of this year after the sale last month of Snapple, the soft drinks com-pany. Quaker has faunched a search for a paid too much for Snapple and it then failed to integrate the company effectively new chairman to replace William Smith-burg who oversaw the disastrous purchase into its existing soft drinks operations, achieving no economies of scale. A fall in Snapple's sales led to a steep fall in its of Snapple less than three years ago.

Quaker was forced to write off \$1.14 profitability, and the company never made any money for Quaker. After billion on the sale as the price of getting rid of the soft drinks operation. The Snapple purchase ranks as one of the biggest expensive efforts to boost sales through marketing campaigns, Quaker gave up on Snapple and sold it for the huge loss. corporate blunders of recent years, after The planned departure of Mr the company bought it for \$1.7 billion in

has been recruited is the first admission by Quaker's senior management that it has made a serious mistake over Snapple. Mr Smithburg has been chairman and chief executive for the past 16 years.

The first-quarter loss compares with a profit at the same time last year of \$32.2 million. The group said that without the special charge its earnings improved slightly despite a fall in sales from \$1.22 billion to \$1.2 billion.

Quaker said it may sell a number of non-core businesses as part of a strategy to focus on fewer operations, although it did not specify what these were.

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Huntleigh payout and trade higher

By MARTIN BARROW

HUNTLEIGH Technology. the medical products group whose shares have fallen sharply in the past year, sought to reassure investors yesterday by increasing the total dividend 10 per cent and issuing a confident statement on current trading. The company, based in Lu-

ton, Bedfordshire, said profits before tax and exceptional items eased slightly to £12.6 million in 1996 from £128 million in the previous year. There was an exceptional charge of £750,000 against the restructuring of Hoskins, a manufacturer of hospital beds that was acquired from the receivers in September 1996. Sales were little changed at

£92.9 million, against £91.9

million, with difficult trading conditions in its principal markets in Britain and America offset by an increase in business with other export markets. Rolf Schild, chairman, said

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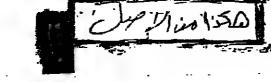
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Solicitor gave warranty of authority

Penn v Bristol and West **Building Society and Others** Before Lord Justice Staughton. Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Waller

Dudgment April 16 A solicitor who wrongly believed that he had authority to act for a vendor in the sale of land and negotiated with a solicitor whom he knew to be acting for the purchaser and the building society lending money for the purchase, gave a warranty of authority not only to the purchaser but also to

the building society.

The solicitor was liable for the building society's costs of defend-ing the vendor's action against them to be taxed on a standard basis. The fact that the costs of heen recoverable as damages if separate proceedings had been brought did not of itself justify taxation on an indemnity basis under Order 62, rule 3(2) of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments, dismissing an appeal by the fourth defendants, ian Brill & Co. solicitors, against the order on February 23, 1995 of the High Court, that they had wrongly warranted to the lirst defendant. Bristol and West Building Society, that they were authorised to act on behalf of the

niaintiff. Deborah Ann Penn, in the sale of a house jointly owned by her and her husband. Peter Penn. The Court of Appeal allowed the solicitors' appeal against the judge's order that they should pay Bristol and West's costs of defend-

Before Lord Justice Hirst and Lord

It was not wrong for the judge in

an appropriate case to examine

specific instances of delay and

cific instances in order to deter-

mine whether to strike out an

The Court of Appeal so held

dismissing an appeal by the defen-dant, Mr D. H. Webb, against the

dismissal by Mr Recorder Meggeson in Southampton

County Court on June 26, 1996 of

his application to strike out for

want of prosecution a personal injury action brought by Mr S. J.

Mr Brian Gallagher for the

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said

the plaintiff was injured in a road

accident in November 1987. The

before the close of pleadings in

1989 and only quantum was in

defendant; Mr Anthony Coleman for the plaintiff.

Spooner v Webb

[Judgment April 22]

Justice Phillips

hasis and varied the order so as to

Mr Rupert Jackson, OC and Mr Patrick Lawrence for the solicitors; Mr Nicholas Stewart, QC and Mr Daniel Worsley for Bristol and

LORD JUSTICE WALLER said that in February 1987 Mr and Mrs Penn bought a house as beneficial joint tenants with the assistance of a mortgage loan. Mr Penn and a business partner. Mr Moore, got into financial difficulties and decided to execute a mortgage fraud.

The fraud was to consist of a nurported sale of the house by Mr. Mr Wilson was a party to the fraud, the main aim of which was to obtain money in the form of a loan from Bristol and West. Mrs Penn was totally ignorant

of what was taking place. Mr Brill acted on the purported sale for Mr Penn, He thought that he was also acting for Mrs Penn and held himself out in all the precontract correspondence, negotia

tions and completion, as duly instructed by them both jointly. The correspondence, negotiation solicitors, ultimately Gartons, who Bristol and West, Unknown to Mr Brill, Mr Penn had forged his wife's signature on the contract

In reliance on the fact that Mr Brill was acting for both Mr and Mrs Penn, Gartons and Bristol and West arranged for Mr Wilson

Drawing conclusions from

instances of delay

consent in 1994 to Southampton

County Court, where in September

1994 interlocutory judgment was

obtained for damages to be

The defendant had brought the

striking out application in Novem-

ber 1995. In December the plaintiff

served a schedule of financial loss.

the main item being loss of

earnings from short-lived employ-

ments which he had had to

On well established principles

the defendant had to satisfy the court that there had been inordi-

nate and inexcusable delay such as

to give rise to a substantial risk

that it was not possible to have a

fair trial or that it was likely to

cause or to have caused serious

prejudice to the defendant as a

result of the impairment of wit-

The court would only interfere if

the judge had erred in principle or his decision was perverse. The

want of prosecution where liability

was not in issue.

pay off the existing mortgage and the remainder went, without Mrs Penn's knowledge or consent, in discharge of Mr Penn's business

In proceedings by Mrs Penn, the purported charge over the house was null and void and awarded Mrs Penn damages in negligence against Mr Brill. On Bristol and West's counterclaim the judge held that they were entitled to damages against lan Brill & Co for breach of warranty of authority.

The general principle was set out in article 107 of Bowstead and Reynolds on Agency (16th edition (1996) paragraph 4-057). Chitty on Contracts: Specific Contracts (27th edition (1994) paragraph 31-093) put it slightly differently. Mr Jackson submitted that in

order to found liability the war-ranty express or implied must have been given to the plaintiff and that the transaction into which the plaintiff was induced to enter must have been some form of dealing with the supposed principal.

A broader view was supported

by Firbank's Executors v Hum-phreys ((1886) 18 QBD 54, 60) and Starkey v Bank of England (1903) In V/O Rasnoimport v Guthrie

and Co Ltd (1966) I LLoyd's Rep 1. 13). Mr Justice Mocatta, approving the reasoning of Mr Justice A. L. Smith in West London Commen cial Bank v Kitson ((1883) 12 QBD

"I can see nothing extravagant or heterodox in holding that the implied warranty of authority ... was given by the defendants to all

memoranda indicating that the

reasons for the defendant having

connected with his injuries. The

recorder had regarded that as the

important issue on the striking-out

He had concluded after examin-

ing the memoranda that there was

not the evidence of prejudice

necessary to susmin the defen-dant's striking-out application.

Shtun v Zaleijska ([1996] I WLR

1270) was authorily that there need

not necessarily be evidence of instances of delay and if there were

not it was proper for the court to

It was not authority for the

converse, that it would be wrong

for the judge in an appropriate case to examine specific instances

and draw conclusions from those

specific instances. That was what

the recorder had done and he had

been perfectly entitled to do so. The

appeal would be dismissed with

Solicitors: Lamport Bassitt,

Southampton: Bernard Chill &

draw inferences in the absence of

specific evidence.

whom they could reasonably foresee would become such indorsees and become actionable by such persons on proof of their having acted in reliance upon the war-ranty and having suffered damage

That authority had to be read in its context in the sense that outside the ambit of bills of exchange or bills of lading it might be difficult to contemplate the offer or promise of a warranty of authority being given to such a wide number of people. But the authority supplied further support for there not being the constraint contended for by Mr

The question whether a war-ranty of authority had been given rested on a proper analysis of the facts in any given situation and not on any preconceived notions of what was essential as part of the factual analysis.

authority there had to be proved a contract under which a promise was made either expressly or by implication to the promisee for But consideration could be supplied by the promisee entering into some transaction with a third

Of course, there was no issue that to establish a warranty of

party in a warranty of authority case just as in any other collatera warranty case, Furthermore, the promise could

be made to a wide number of people or simply to one person, depending on the facts. in the instant case, Mr Brill knew that Gartons were also

such an order. Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Waite agreed. acting for the building society. He arranging for Mr Wilson to exe-

from Bristol and West the pur-West's interest in the house.

Thus he knew that Gartons, in their capacity as solicitors for Bristol and West, would be relying on his having the authority of Mrs Penn to bring the transaction to fruition and Bristol and West did rely on him having that authority and advanced the money to complete the purchase.

All the necessary ingredients were present for establishing a were present for establishing a warranty by Mr Brill in favour of Bristol and West enforceable by Bristol and West that he had the authority of Mrs Penn. A note in The Supreme Court

Practice 1997 (at pl(57) suggested that if a plaintiff succeeded against a defendant, and the latter against third party, then where the defendant was entitled to an indemnity against the third party, the defendant might be entitled to an order for the costs of fighting the plaintiff on an indemnity basis.

It should not by itself be a ground for awarding indemnity costs under Order 62, rule 3(4) of the Rules of the Supreme Court fighting another party would have been recoverable as damages if separate proceedings had been brought.

For an order for indemnity costs to be appropriate there ought to be some additional factor of the nature which normally gave rise to

Solicitors: Wansbroughs Willey

Hargrave, Leeds; Veale

Analyst's certificate must be precise

Regina v Jones (Keith) Before Lord Justice Rose, Mr Justice Stuart White and Mr

Justice Astill |Judgment April 11|

Where the prosecution relied on the evidence of a forensic scientist as to whether a substance con-rained a controlled drug, there was a need for absolute clarity in the terms of the analyst's certificate to ensure that the substance was not excluded by virtue of Schedule 5 to the Misuse of Drugs Regulations (SI 1985 No 2066).

The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing an appeal by Keith Jones against his conviction in October 1996 at Wood Green Crown Court (Mr Recorder English and a jury) of possession of a class A drug (cocaine).

Mr Charles Salter, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals. for the appellant; Mr Nicholas A. Peacock for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE, giving the crucial part of the prosecution case concentrated on a statement by an analyst, which was read to

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the jury, to the effect that the ance found in the possession of the appellant "appeared to contain cocaine of a high purity".

Mr Salter submitted that that hrase included within it things which were not of high purity. That argument seemed to their Lordships to be at best fanciful. The fundamental question which arose, bearing in mind that

the burden of proof, in accordance with Rv Hunt (Richard) (1987) AC 352), was on the prosecution not only to prove possession of the controlled drug out also to exclude the possibility that the substance was within the exception in paragraph 2 of Schedule 5 to the 1985 ulations which applied if the concentration of the cocaine was less than 0.1 per cent, was whether the analyst's certificate was capable of discharging that burden.

It seemed to their Lordships that as a matter of common sense a "high purity" denoted something totally different from 0.1 per cent and that being so there was a case to answer, the jury were properly directed and there was no reason to quash the conviction.

Nevertheless, the sooner the prosecuting authorities took to heart the observations made by Lord Mackay of Clashfern in Hunt (at p378) as to the desirability of clarity in an analyst's report the better. Appeals of this kind would not then trouble the Court of

Appeal. Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, London.

Criminal conduct relevant in considering parental order application

In re P (Minors: Parental responsibility order)

Before Lord Woolf. Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Ward Uudement April 150

On an application for the grant of parental responsibility by an unmarried father, the court was entitled to take into account as elevant but not conclusive, factors that he was serving a term of stances of the criminal conduct for which sentence had been imposed

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing the father's appeal from Judge Groves, sitting at Chelmsford County Court, who had granted him an order for limited contact with his two young any orders on his applications for the grant of parental responsibility and for a specific issue order for the surnames used by the children to be changed.

Mr Mark Batchelor for the father: Miss Christine Sheldrake for the mother.

LORD JUSTICE WARD said that in April 1989, shortly before the birth of the elder child the father had been sentenced to right years imprisonment for robbery. In July 1989 he was sentenced to 15 vears concurrent for another

In March 1994, some months after the birth of the second child he committed a further robbery while on home leave. For that he was sentenced to a further term of

15 years. His Lordship referred to the father's contact with the children which had been maintained by visits to the various prisons where he was held and to the further contact, limited to seven times a year, now ordered as agreed between the parties.

On the application for the parental responsibility order the udge had referred to the father's limited role in the children's livewhile he had been at large and to the time he was in prison when he had played little or no part.

In his Lordship's judgment the judge, having referred to the relevant authorities, had not erroneously applied a higher test to such applications. He had applied the standard tests, taking into account, inter alia, that the father's level of commitment had been devalued by his commission of the further offence while on home

That was a proper factor for him to have considered and his Lordship could not say that he had given disproportionate weight to the father's criminal conduct and that he was plainly wrong.

While his Lordship might himself have come to a different conclusion and made the order. which was declaratory and ordinarily made unless good reason were shown, the judge's exercise of discretion was not such as would justify the appellate court's interference.

He would dismiss the appeal. Lord Justice Millett agreed.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, agreeing, said that the law was clear that a prisoner did not lose any personal rights because of his senience save in so far as the fact of imprisonment made it necessary and accordingly he could apply for the grant of parental responsibility.

parental responsibility amounted to. The definition in section 3 of the Children Act 1989 provided: "(f) ... all the rights, duties, powers, responsibilities and authority which by law a parent of a child has in relation to the child and his

That recital made it clear that the fact of imprisonment would restrict the extent to which a parent was capable of exercising parental responsibility.

By section 2(2) the father could acquire such responsibility pursuant to section 4: either by agreement made in prescribed form or by an order of the court such as was now sought.

The authorities indicated, not exhaustively, the factors to be considered by the court in exercising its discretion whether to make such a grant. The fact of imprisonment and its restricting effect on the father's ability to exercise such responsibility was a relevant matter for the court to take into

Also relevant were the circumstances of the criminal offence which had resulted in imprisonment. If a parent behaved in a manner which he could appreciate would result in the likelihood of a long sentence he should be taken to realise the damaging effect on the

That would be an act of irresponsibility towards them and the court could take a pattern of criminal conduct into account as a relevant but not conclusive factor. He would dismiss the appeal

Solicitors: Atter Mackenzie & Co. Evesham; Hill & Abbott,

Power to hear appeal after transfer to county court

Kings Quality Homes Ltd v A. J. Paints Ltd.

Before Lord Justice Staughton. Lord Justice Otton and Lord Justice Schiemann

Ljudgment April 18] Once a High Court action had been effectively transferred to the county court a county court judge had jurisdiction to hear an appeal from an order made by a district judge of the High Court which predated the transfer, subject to section 40(5) and (7) of the County

Courts Act 1984, as substituted by

section 2(1) of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990. inter alia, dismissing an appeal by Kings Quality Homes, a firm, against the order of Judge Head, a circuit judge sitting at King's Lynn County Court on January 22, 1996. wherens he allowed an appeal by the defendants, A. J. Paints Ltd. against an order of Mr N. J.

Holroyd, sitting as a depuny dis-trict judge of the King's Lynn District Registry of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court on November 14, 1995. The deputy

district judge had allowed an

application by the firm to be

Mr Andrew Urquhart for the firm: Mr David Berry, solicitor, for the defendance.

STAUGHTON said that on Sentember 22, 1995 an order was made in the High Court District Registry at King's Lynn, that the action be transferred to King's Lynn County Court. On November 14, the deputy

district judge of the High Court ordered that the firm be substituted as plaintiffs in the action. On November 16 the documents in King's Lynn district registry and lodged in King's Lynn County

On January 22, 1996 the defendants' appeal against that order came before the circuit judge. Judge Head, in King's Lynn County Court who allowed the appeal and struck out the plain-tiffs' action.

Welply v Buhl ((1878) 3 QB 253) stated that an order transferring an action from the High Court to the county court was not effective physically removed from the High Court and lodged in the county

Act 1867, section 10 of which said that the documents had to be removed from the High Court registry and lodged in the county

requirement in the statutory provisions for transfer and it was open to question whether it was still a requirement for transfer to he effective that the documents arguable that transfer was effective the moment it was ordered. but his Lordship did not decide the

in any event, by the time Judge Head heard the appeal the transfer documents had been lodged in the county court. Section 40(5) and (7) of the

County Courts Act 1984, as substituted, set out two exceptions to the notion that once an action had been effectively transferred everything that happened had to happen in the county court.

Once transfer was effected, an appeal from a previous order of a district judge in the High Court should have gone, as it did in the present case, to a circuit judge in the county court.

Lord Justice Otton and Lord Justice Schiemann agreed.

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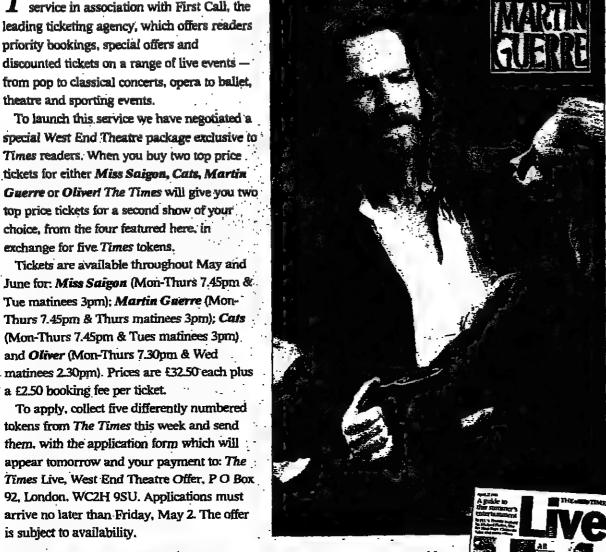
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Justifying terrorism Act detention

Breen v Chief Constable of **Dumfries and Galloway** Before the Lord Justice-Clerk (Lord Ross), Lord Morison and Lord

(Judgment January 24)

Where prevention of terrorism legislation entitled the police to detain a person pending consideration by secretary of state of whether to make an exclusion order against him, it was sufficient to justify such detention that the police had been told that consideration was being given to making such an order.

In an action alleging wrongful detention it was irrelevant for the detainee to offer to prove that there had been no grounds for consid-ering such an order if he did not also aver that the detaining stables had known as much.

The Second Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so held, refusing a reclaiming motion heio, retusing a rectaining motion by Mr Sean Breen against the dismissal by Mr Donald MacFadyen, QC, sitting as a temporary judge, of an action brought by him seeking damages from the Chief Constable of Dumsten and Calleman Police. fries and Galloway Police

Mr Jonathan Mitchell, QC and Mrs Dinah llius for the reclaimer: Mr Michael Jones, QC, for the

THE LORD JUSTICE-CLERK said that article 4 of the Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism (Supplemental Temporary Provisions) Order (SI 1984 No 418) provided that an examining officer might examine any person who sought to leave Great Britain by ship or aircraft for the purpose of determining whether, inter alia, he appeared to be a person who was or had been concerned in the commission, preparation or in-

stigation of acts of terrorism. Such examination might be extended beyond an initial period of 12 hours if the officer had reasonable grounds for suspecting that the person was concerned in terrorism and required him in writing to submit to further

Article 9 provided that a person examined under article 4 could be detained on the authority of the

examining officer for a period not longer than 48 hours, pending either the conclusion of his the question of whether to make an exclusion order against him. The period of detention by up to a total of five days. The reclaimer was seeking dam-

ages for his allegedly wrongful detention on route to Ireland from Scotland. He averred that: I It had not been suggested to him that he was guilty of or 2 Concerned in any offence in respect of terrorism, or that he was

subject to an exclusion order: 3 That there were no circumrise to a reasonable suspicion that that was true; 4 That the officers who had

able grounds for suspecting him to be a person guilty of any such 5 That there had been no basis for consideration being given to whether an exclusion order should

detained him had had no reason-

He contended that the only lawful ground of detention, after the first 12 hours, was consideration of whether an exc order should be made, and that he was relevantly offering to prove that there was no basis for any Counsel for the respondent con-

be made.

tended that under section 13(2)(a)(ii) of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions)
Act 1984, the sole person with
authority to consider whether an
exclusion order should be made If the detaining constables were told by someone in authority that

the secretary of state was going to consider whether such an order should be made, it followed that lawful by article 9. He argued that the reclaimer's case was irrelevant, because he did not aver that the constables who

detained him themselves knew

that there were no grounds for making an exclusion order. Their Lordships were satisfied that those submissions were well founded. That being so the tem-porary judge had been entirely well founded in dismissing the

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FILM 1

It's déjà vu week in the cinema, with reissues for Hitchcock's Vertigo . . .



FILM 2

. and the third and last instalment of the Star Wars trilogy. Return of the Jedi ...





FILM 3

... but Whoopi Goldberg fains can admire their heroine as a basketball coach in Eddie ...



FILM 4 ... and a lot of famous British faces

romp their way

through Cold

Comfort Farm

No challenger to Hitchcock's dizzy heights

CINEMA: In a week of re-releases - and Goldberg at

her most Whoopi - Geoff Brown finds solace in Vertigo

o which is it to be? Up the steps of the mis-sion house tower with James Stewart in Vertigo, or down to the basement with Dorothy McGuire in The Spiral Staircase? Both are "old" films, both moody thrillers; yet both, Vertigo in particular, have more life in them than anything new that cinemas are offering this week. Hitchcock's film was first

released in 1958. In some surface ways its age shows, even in this restored print with a cleaned-up image and a soundtrack fit for the digital era. For cinema is a time machine, and Vertigo whisks us back to the point when James Stewart was far from being the gangling youth of Frank Capra fantasies, but not yet the craggy veteran of Cheyenne Autumn or Shenandoah. Hair tinged with grey, he looks solid, mature, good in a suit

The film's technology is also of an age. Today the San Francisco cityscapes would be real, or simulated by computer. Hitchcock's camera gets out and about for atmosphere, but when dialogue and action are required he retreats to a studio mock-up. In the foreground, you see Stewart, Kim Novak or Barbara Bel Geddes acting away on a stretch of a roof, the front seats of a car. a hotel room or an office, in the background, you get the art a snatch of back-projected footage. It smacks of artifice,

and 1950s Hollywood. But in other respects Vertigo, perhaps more than any other Hitchcock film, cuts across time and fashion. Compared to today's commercial thrillers, Vertigo is sculpted like a high art movie by Tarkovsky, each image pol-ished and carefully placed. Music is not rammed down our ears, but woven into the drama. It is gorgeous music too, by Bernard Herrmann, darkly romantic, yearning, obsessive: qualities shared with the story spun about a retired detective, afraid of heights, who falls in love with the mysterious woman he is hired to follow in and around San

Francisco. There is more to the plot than that, although any new-comers to Vertigo will not thank me for revealing the twists dreamt up by Pierre Boileau and Thomas

Vertigo Lumiere, PG, 128 mins Restored print of Hitchcock's spellbinder The Spiral

_ Staircase National Film Theatre PG. 83 mins Vintage thrills, served with style Return of the Jedi

Odeon Leicester Square U, 133 mins Luke Skywalker meets too many furry creatures Eddie Warner West End 12, 101 mins

Whoopi Goldberg as a basketball coach Cold Comfort Farm Virgin Haymarket PG, 98 mins

TV adaptation ungainly

Narcejac, the French writers of Les Diaboliques. But I can reveal what the film looks and feels like: a melancholy procession of dreamlike images, sometimes misty, sometimes crisp; a trip into Hitchcock's innermost fears; a film about illusion and delusion, stamped with Stewart's perplexed eyes and the trance-like stare of Novak, ice-cold but teasing, haunted and haunting in grey

suit and platinum hair. Indif-

ferently received on its first

release, Vertigo is Hitchcock's

most modern, if not post modern, movie.

Placed alongside it, The Spiral Staircasc, made in 1945 and re-released as part of the National Film Theatre's crime season, Murder Ink, looks positively Victorian. All the old trappings of melodrama - the howling wind and lashing rain, the flickering gaslights and fearful shadows - are wheeled on to decorate the tale of a mute servant girl (Dorothy McGuire) terrified by a lurking killer. It is antiquated, but enjoyable stuff.

The time is the early years of the century, the place New England, seen through the Germanic eyes of the emigre director Robert Siodmak. Someone in the locality is striking down people with disabilities: McGuire appears to be the next in line. "Leave this house tonight, if you know what's good for you," croaks Ethel Barrymore's bedridden grande dame. Too late, the die is cast, but how can the poor girl cry for help?

Imagine how a modern remake would gloat over the killer's perversions, and de-light in the damsel's distress. Siodmak takes a different approach. "We tried to create a kind of surrealist film that would put the audience in a state of hypnosis, and accept the developments without asking questions," he recalled much later. (Hitchcock had a

The audience's trance is not total: wooden acting from the likes of Kent Smith puncture the spell, and the ponderously ornate interiors scarcely charm the eye like the sleek designs of Vertigo. But there is still enough gently to frighten and beguile us.

The third, and least interesting, veteran film of the week is Return of the Jedi, directed by Richard Marquand in 1983, the last instalment to date in George Lucas's Star Wars saga. Enhancements for this special edition include an enlarged musical number in

"Compared to today's commercial thrillers, Vertigo is sculpted like a high art movie": James Stewart and Kim Novak in Hitchcock's masterpiece Jabba the Hutt's palace, extra tentacles on a snapping monster, and greater rejoicing when Darth Vader's Empire

forces are overthrown. None of these makes a major difference to a film that wastes far too much time twiddling its thumbs with bizarre or cute creatures. Eventually plot's basic conflict between Darth Vader and and the noble son, ensure powerful emotions and stirring action. But it still feels like sweet relief to leave the cinema and rediscover a world outside populated by ordinary people, not gibbering creatures en-cased in plastic or fur.

The one genuinely new film this week is Eddie. You can imagine it with eyes closed. Whoopi Goldberg as a loudmouthed basketball fan, cheering and abusing a team from the rear of the stadium? Say no more. Should I mention that the team's new money-grabbing owner fires the coach and, as a stunt, invites Goldberg to take over? This, too, you knew already. Six writers, incidentally, taxed their brains over the script.

old Comfort Farm is new to British cinema screens, but not Schlesinger shot this television adaptation of Stella Gibbons's untai meiodrama 1994, and its small-screen debut was on New Year's Day, 1995. For the cinema, the soundtrack has just been remixed in stereo, while the print has been blown up to 35mm. You still get a television-sized production, though, modest in scale and

Gibbons was parodying rural novelists such as Mary Webb when she wrote in the early 1930s about the Starkadder family, mired in gloom and doom in their decaying homestead. An imaginative film of Cold Comfort Farm might aim to find some mocking visual equiva-lent for Webb's fanciful descriptive prose — something done with a straight face nearly 50 years ago in Powell and Pressburger's luscious

Gone to Earth. But Schlesinger has simpler ambitions. Armed with Malcolm Bradbury's compact screenplay, he breezes unrough incoents a actors carry the load. There is Kate Beckinsale, with a brisk, no-nonsense charm as Flora Poste, the orphaned young woman who tries to bring her eccentric relatives to heel. There is Eileen Atkins as the grief-stricken Judith; Rulus Sewell, pushing too hard as the smouldering Seth; Joanna Lumley as Flora's mentor, Mrs Smiling; and Freddie Jones, cleaning dishes with a

twig. They, and Schlesinger,

the book instead.

Whoopi wasted

Every week, young film fans discuss some of the latest

Damian Samucis, 14: Whood Goldberg slam-dunks into action in this rather appalling Tim Thornton, 21: A motion picture al unprecedented

quality! Lesley Isaiah Thomas, 18: It did not score with me. Whoopi is wasted. Peder Jensen, 18: This unfathomably awful piece of garbage did not contain even

are in "romp" mode, and on ☐ RETURN OF THE JEDI Damian: Carrie Fisher's cos-tume, the Ewoks and all the the cinema screen it looks lame, or ugly, or both. Read loose ends come together.

one successful joke.



Tim: Surprisingly, this hasn't eg as well as the other two Lesley: A Muppet-fest, and none the worse for that. Peder: The weakest of the-Star Wars trilogy, but far, superior to the average movie?

☐ COLD COMFORT FARM Damian: It's a shame this great cast ended up with a pigsty of a script.

Tim: Weak and disappointing. Lesley: Why has lan Mckellen been cast as a farmer? His performance doesn't work, and neither does this TV movie. Peder: It should never have been given a cinema release.



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DUNCAN C. WELDON is offering a really safe season in Chichester's main house this year. Lady Windermere loses her fan again; Madame

Arcati calls up the wrong spirits; Maugham's Our Betters is a rare revival but the playwright is an old trusty. Sandy Wilson's Divorce Me, Darling! takes his Boy Friend characters tunefully into the Thirties, and Ian Richardson will be a popular choice in The Magistrate. The heart does not exactly sink at the prospect of these excitements but it beats slower. Weldon has a business to

run; an unsubsidised theatre must pay its way in the world. Thirty-five years have established an audience that likes what it knows. It is easy for critics to carp, but Safety First is a principle that glazes Chichester like aspic over pretty edibles. For surprises we may have

Butler to an antique to go to Chichester's Minerva

Studio, which does offer some prickly plays over the next six months. In the meantime we have Barrie's clever social The Admirable comedy in the main Festival

Theatre, where the Edwardian hierarchy of peers and menials is sharply turned upside-down when Lord Loam and his household are wrecked on a desert island. Though what happens seems pretty inevitable to an

audience at this end of the century, it caused surprise and offence in 1902. Could Barrie mean that an earl was not ordained by God and the British Constitution to be inevitably a leader? Might a lady seriously consider mar-riage to a man who had been her father's butler?

The implications of this are told simply, but Barrie's ingenious little shoves at the boundary give the play a more than historical interest. His characters never quite escape from theatrical tradiTHEATRE

Crichton Chichester

breaks conventions, and Michael Rudman's direction acknowledges this with occasional slow-motion inserts, to show time passing and to

TOM STOPPARD wrote

somewhere that hotels are a

separate moral universe and,

whether or not that is true,

they regularly leave me feeling

tion, even if their behaviour

paintings for inspiration. The walls of Lord Loam's Mayfair house open out like the pages of a brilliantly coloured book to festoon the stage with tropical flora, and close two

what Barrie subtitled "A

Accordingly, designer

Johan Engels has turned to

Henri Rousseau's jungle

acts later, turning what hap-pened beneath its lush foliage into a lost dream. Michael Denison (82 this

JEREMY KINGSTON

Rooms with a dim view

Hote The Place

us the same room but is

actually several different ones.

Cool, casual jazz, rising to a

crescendo when sex is on the

agenda, accompanies them as

But their movement and

song, if not exactly banal,

don't take us far into the

quirks and oddities of their

lives. A lesbian couple launch

tentatively into an affair. A

faithless wife suddenly wor-

ries about her children. A

they move and they sing.

least for the opening 45 min-utes, it somehow is. the way an astronomer might feel if the blur of a distant Actually, that is the probplanet or undiscovered moon lem. Eight Rooms, as the first flickered across his telescope. half is called, is more imagina-Who were that frosty couple I tive in its form than its ossed in reception? Why that sudden shout down the corricontent. Churchill has exdor late at night? What's the meaning of those whispers panded the Ayekbournian device - pioneered in How the Other Half Loves, if memory and snickers over the breakfast cereal? As Caryl Churserves - of giving us simultaneous stories in an identical chill, Orlando Gough and Ian space. Six couples, a woman Spirik know and show, hotels birdwatcher, a businessman make voyeurs of us all. who keeps conscientiously Those mixed-media specialphoning home, and an actress who doubles as a TV and a ghost, all share what seems to

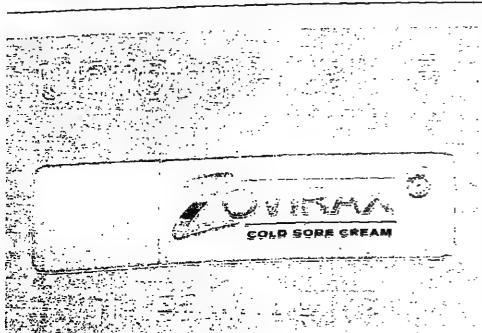
ists, Second Stride, are responsible for *Hotel*: which means words from Churchill, music from Gough, and overall direction and a bit of choreography from Spink. Both halves occur in a hotel room whose design is attributed to Lucy Bevin, but whose blue and brown stripes might have been contributed by Bridget Riley. Since black-clad choruses are also apt to wander in and out, and five or six people may occupy a bed at a time, it is not very like your average Holiday Inn - and yet, at

drunk couple quarrel loudly disturbing the others. Two Americans, there for the golf, exchange uh-huhs. Birds and death much preoccupy a middle aged French couple. Yet even the ghost has nothing more to say than that she's forgotten why she is still

hanging about.
In other words, the piece tantalises us voyeurs but, like hotels themselves, leaves us irustrated. The second half, Two Nights, is more elusive, poetic, striking and substanrial. Who knows why Colin Poole collapses by the loo, or why Gabrielle McNaughton prowls and twirls with a series of guns, changing into black plastic pants and then into a sery red dress? A suicide? A murder? Churchill's words, sung by the chorus to darker, more dissonant music, are all about feelings of fading, disappearing, dying: "Will I still have a shadow? Will I still have a mind? Will invisible eyes still see?" After a couple of days in some modern hotels. I can share graveyard feelings

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Warner, 15, 1996 CARE to play golf with Kevin Costner? The invitation may sound unappeal-ing, but luckily this movie is directed by Ron Shelton, who has a real flair for American sports. Costner plays a reckless golf amateur who bids for a place in the US Open; Rene Russo is the city psychologist who needs help with her swing. Overextended at two hours and ten minutes, but it is never less than pleasant. Available to rent.

A BOY'S LIFE

Connoisseur, 18 AN ATTRACTIVE trio of recent American shorts about gay boys is dominated by Todd Haynes's delicious Dottle Gets Spanked, a comic record of a six year-old's devotion to a television sitcom star. Raoul O'Connells's college romance A Friend of Dorothy is the weakest item. But the tape ends on a high note with Peggy Rajski's Oscarwinning Trevor, a tunny and poignant portrait of a 13-year-old Diana Ross ian, struggling to come to terms with

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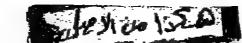
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MUSIC: Richard Morrison meets the conductor Seiji Ozawa, in London with his superstar orchestra

A well-risen son of Japan

ne night about ten years ago | was sitting in the Barbican Hall waiting for the London Symphony Orchestra to start the second half of a concert. Suddenly I became disconcertingly aware of the entire violin section craning round to stare at me. Or rather, at something just behind me. Curious, I turned round. Sitting in the row behind was a small, middleaged Japanese man with rock-

ineffable smile. Seiji Ozawa drew no attention to himself, but he had no need to, I have rarely heard an orchestra transform itself so thoroughly from humdrum to brilliant in the course of one concert. Especially when responding to a conductor who wasn't actually on the podium. I can't even remeniber who was

Two thoughts occurred to me. First, I realised that I had never before seen a worldfamous conductor sit through someone else's concert. Sec-ondly, I sensed that the LSO doesn't gawp at any old batonwaggler who enters its hall. Ozawa was, and is, a charismatic figure. But he also has great humility and grace. Remember that unusual combination and you probably have the key to his music-making.

His performances speak of nobility and beauty, never aggression or stridency. He inclines towards reticence. never showmanship. On and off stage he is both a gentle man and a gentleman. Yet he has been at the helm of one of America's greatest orchestras, the Boston Symphony, for nigh on a quarter of a century - far longer than any other music director in America. The personality may be genial, but it is awesomely powerful too. A classic Ozawa interpretation starts innocuously you wonder what the fuss is

whistle, you realise you have experienced an epiphany. This weekend Ozawa makes an all-too-rare British appearance, not in the company of the Boston Symphony but with an

about - but then gathers such

spiritual force that, by the final

ensemble perhaps even closer to his heart. He founded the Saito Kinen Orchestra in 1984 in memory of his teacher, the conductor and cellist Hideo Saito, and staffed it with other former Saito pupils. Saito founded Japan's top music conservatory and was largely responsible for the postwar explosion of Japanese interest

in Western music. He must have been a remarkable man, because his former pupils have since risen to top positions in

the world's top orchestras and conser-Saito Kinen Orchestra can only assemble, rehearse and perform on an occasional basis, and at vast expense (luckily, Japan is not short of generous and wealthy corporate sponsors). Nevertheless its Western tours have garnered fantastic reviews.

that its playing standard owes something to a shared philosophy. "Saito remains a very strong influence, even though we have all grown up. We share the same musical phrasing; we perform orchestral music as if it is chamber music, which is what he

ut he also points to the players' remarkcommitment. There is no limit to the hours we rehearse. For me - used to working in America. where music is so unionised that is the best part. The strange thing is that many members are based in America too. But when they come to Saito Kinen they have a completely different attitude. Once, on tour in Greece, they felt that they had not rehearsed enough in the hall, so they held section rehearsals in their hotel rooms. To see 12 viola players crammed into a bedroom was very funny -

but it paid off the next day." Ozawa believes that the Saito Kinen has brought new esteem to Japanese musicians in their own country. "Oriental people love music. In every small Japanese town now there is a CD shop. But the Japanese public still thinks



that Western musicians are in a higher class. In the same hall in Tokyo you can hear a Japanese orchestra one night. and the LSO or Berlin Philharmonic the next, and the ticketprice difference will be enormous. Not just double: maybe five times as much for the Western orchestra. Perhaps now the Saito Kinen has shown Japan that we can compete with the best," It has certainly shown the rest of the world. Now Ozawa has founded the Saito Kinen Festival, an annual ten-day teaching and performing jamboree in the "Japanese Alps" at Matsumoto. His model is the Boston Symphony's renowned Tanglewood Festival. "I must do more teaching, but I don't yet know how. You should really do it all year round. Perhaps i shall have to retire from conducting. To me, teaching is like a drug. To be

able to help young talents is one of the greatest things a musician can do.

Ozawa is 61, but nobody really expects him to quit the podium. He is one of the great natural talents -- a figure who leapt with apparent ease across the East-West cultural divide at a time when such a transition was unprecedented. True, he benefited from Saito's rigorous training, and then the patronage of Bernstein and Karajan. Nevertheless, when Ozawa came to Europe in the mid-Fifties — touring on a motor scooter borrowed "for promotional purposes" from a Japanese motor company he had almost no Western cultural background. "I never heard an opera live until I was 23. nor a Mahler symphony," he admits.

That makes his subsequent career the more astonishing. Today the very essence of the

Western classical tradition seems enshrined in his musicmaking. What's more, thousands of hugely gifted Oriental musicians have followed in his pioneering tracks westward, revitalising our concert life. Many of them will be in London on Saturday. It should be some concert.

 The Saiso Kinen Orchestra plays Schoenberg and Beethoven in the Festival Hall (0171-960-4242)

tratingly lacked the extrovert brashness of French (or even

British) trumpets and cornets.

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use them to embellish a song. not to hide the lack of one. broad as possible. For example, how many other street soul groups would consider

OPERA: Doing the dirty on Donizetti's blameless comedy



Natale de Carolis and Angela Gheorghiu in the Royal Opera's dreary L'elisir d'amore

The Royal Opera's recent run of good revivals had to come to an end somebuffers at Tuesday's performance of Donizent's comedy. The 22-year-old production has long passed its sell-by date, and looked old-fashioned even when it was new. Like all good comedy. L'elisir is at heart desperately serious, not that you would guess it from the vulgar farce being played out for much of the evening. The stylistic starting point seemed to be amateur Gilbert and Sullivan of half a century ago, with the chorus grinning like apes and forever waving into the wings, and for much of the evening I wondered what an adult audience was doing in 1997 paying good money to watch this juvenile.

amateurish tosh. A halfway decent musical performance might have deadened the pain, but no such luck. The Catalan tenor Jose Bros, making his house debut as Nemorino, has a lot going for him - good musical

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instincts, a quiet sense of comedy - but his voice sounded monochrome and thin, lacking the weight and juiciness essential for this music. Angela Gheorghiu has even more going for her — sound technique — but for the most part she phrased woodenly and sang at a steady. word-free forte. For some mysterious reason, too, she was made to play Adina as cold

and dead common. Natale de Carolis, also in his house debut, was an undervoiced Beleere and it was left

to Bruno Pola, the new Dulcamara, to sense disaster. take the performance by the scruff of the neck and give it a good shake with his entrance number. He may have worked a little too hard, but a singer with bags of voice who actually sang words and even seemed to understand them came as manna in the desert.

The conductor Evelino Pidó set the style with inflexible beat and little attempt to coax something approaching Donizettian sound from the orchestra. There was little trace of the lyricism, wit and melancholy of which the score is compounded until the final duet for Adina and Nemorino. when singers and players started to suggest what riches the work can yield.

But it was far too late, and tended to confirm the impression that the show had not exactly been over-rehearsed. What a dreary, unworthy salute to the composer in his bicentenary year.

RODNEY, MILNES | quite different mood was, his own.

Strings to tug at the heart

Philharmonic got that the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra has not? At some point in the future the answer might well be Sir Simon Rattle. In the meuntime it is a string section of quite extraordinary linesse. The audience in Symphony Hall must have admired the mature blend of the woodwind, the discretion of the brass, the apparently easy and unshakeable overall balance of the Vienna sound, but they can only have marvelled at the detail in colouring and articulation in the strings. Simon Rattle seems to have chosen the first half of the programme specifically to demonstrate that most distinctive quality. Havdn is uncompromising about exposing the violins even when he is includeing them. In the Symphony No 70 in D (rarely performed. perhaps for that very reason) he deliberately sets out to trip them up: indeed, as an early entry a couple of bars into the last movement so delightfully

SO WHAT has the Vienna

Strauss's structural purpose was, in fact, always clearly in CONCERTS Vienna PO/Rattle Birmingham

catching out the Vienna Philharmonic even now. Everywhere else the violin playing was not only impeccable but also enchanting in the variety of colour available at the quieter end of the dynamic range. And to hear this orchestra adopting a kind of periodinstrument approach to the slow movement was a refreshing experience.

Having conducted the Haydn from memory, Rattle went on to do the same with Richard Strauss's Metamorphosen. That was a virtuoso achievement in itself. But where 23 solo strings are involved in 30 minutes of free and continuous contrapuntal development, it is surely the only way to avoid losing sight of the shape of the piece in a mass of textural detail.

view. While the string players sustained clarity and cohesion with the security of a longstanding chamber ensemble. the conductor registered the emotional effect of every change of tempo as the intensity increased and as the elegy was restored at the end.

If CBSO supporters, hearing the Vienna Philharmonic in Birmingham for the first time in 62 years, felt just a little envious of their counterparts in the Musikverein, they might have found some consolation in the Symphonie fantastique.

It is true that the applause was both enthusiastic and prolonged and that, one clarinet misfortune apart, they had heard some remarkably distinguished orchestral playing. But, even with Simon Rattle to fire them, this orchestra was from the start too respectable to reflect Berlioz's delirium. It was particularly noticeable in where the upper brass frus-

A tale of several cities

WITH the continued indisposition of Mariss Jansons, the St Petersburg connection for the final concert in the LPO's Great Cities of the World series seemed more tenuous than ever. Jukka-Pekka Saraste was to have taken over, but having succumbed to illness himself. Saraste was replaced at short notice by Petr Altrichter, the principal conductor designate of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic. St Petersburg or no. the programme remained as ad-

demonstrated, he is capable of

vertised. Opening the concert was Ravel's Rapsodie Espagnole, in a suitably dusky account that captured the languorous lberian atmosphere. For the same composer's Piano Concerto in D for the Left Hand, a LPO/Altrichter Festival Hall

struck: a world of bright, glittering, sometimes brash colour, in which orchestral sonorities were strongly characterised and highly

Mikhail Rudy was in extrovert, heroic mode, effortlessly dominating the texture despite voluntarily imposed handicap. If Altrichter's personality

was already stamped on these two performances, it was in the music from Prokofiev's ballet Romeo and Juliet (three numbers from the composer's first suite, six from the second) that he really came into

The striding dance steps of the Montagues and Capulets in the opening movement contrasted strongly with the tender music for Juliet, the latter's expressiveness emphasised by the swaying. crouching presence on the podium.

There were appropriate stabbing and thrusting motions, too, in the fight music later on, with a violent depic tion of the Death of Tybali. Incisive brass and timpani added their contribution to a stirring account of Romeo at Juliet's Tomb, while the strings were equally impressive in such movements as the Dance, with its neat dovetailing throughout the texture.

> BARRY MILLINGTON



Street life of Riley

ON PAPER it was one of soul music's more attractive colour schemes of the year, and it looked good on display too. Not to mention timely: Blackstreet's arrival in Kensington Gore came 24 hours after their single. Don't Leave Me, had entered the British charts at No 6, a new personal best for the R&B contenders. Brownstone, in the warmup role, were breaking themselves back in. The Los Angeles vocal trio, signed to

Michael Jackson's MJJ label, had substantial and immediate success with their polished debut single If You Love Mc two years ago. After a personnel change, these latterday Supremes return to the front line next month with their second album, previewed by the single 5 Miles to Empty.

Their performance was both vocally and visually curvacous, but an unnecessary reliance on backing tapes, intended to bolster their

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Blackstreet Albert Hall

live sound, only succeeded in removing a dimension from it. In the four months since Teddy Riley's Blackstreet were last in the country on a hit-and-miss tour with Snoop Doggy Dogg and SWV, their stock has risen to new and deserved peaks - not only with this week's lofty foothold in our own Top Ten, but also in America, where their second album Another Level has now sold three million copies. and pursued producers, but since he took a raincheck on

Riley has long been one of black music's most esteemed his outside commissions the focus of his main group has sharpened and their fortunes have soared. Here, their invigorating, influential 1996 hit from the Another Level set, No Diggity, was the raucously received climax of another

stirring show. What is so endearing about Riley is his insistence on the old-school values of soul. The group may still come over as heirs to the estate of those Motown titans, the Temptations. But the sound of their fourway vocal interplay and their learned production values are utterly contemporary.

The difference between them and their copycats is in the Riley ruling that using samples is all very well - but influences, too, should be as adding a tap dance interlude, or trying a complete urban makeover of the Beatles' Can't

Afore the frumious bandersnatch

here are forgotten areas, and secret histories, within Peter Ackroyd celebrates the nonsensical predecessors of Carroll and Lear the literature of this country. The music-hall songs of the late 19th century are as interesting as the poetry of Lionel Johnson or Ernest Dowson, for example, but they are not to be found in any critical survey of the period. Now Noel Malcolm has discovered another unfortunate omission: in this most original presumptuous wings".

A case could in fact be made for study, he has discovered the first stirrings of English nonsense. Evervone knows about Lear's Jumblies and Carroll's Jabberwocky, but who now remembers the inspired persillage of the "water

lines as "From out the heels of squeamish magnitude" and "Then smooth thy brow with milk-white It is magnificent, but is it poetry? Mr Malcolm makes a persuasive case on its behalf, and reveals its part within a highly respectable iterary tradition. But although its original may lie in German macaronics or Rabelaisian neologisms, English nonsense has a life

poet". John Taylor, who in the early 17th century could out-Shakespeare

Shakespeare with such inspiring

and spirit of its own. It was one

aspect of that great explosion of

language which marked the late 16th and early 17th centuries; it gilded Lyly and undid Donne with conceits both quizzical and meta-physical. Malcolm's book provides an anthology of the best, with lines such as "Oh that my Lungs could bleat like butterd pease" or "Mount meekly low, on blew

nonsense as an intrinsic part of the English genius. It is related to that heterogeneity within a literature where matters oratorical, poetical and farcical can all be fastened together. It might be noted here that Nicholas Pevsner considered "babooneries", those irruptions of farce and vulgarity into sacred texts, to be a specifically English

It is the humour found in the mock disputations of the lothcentury Inns of Court, as Malcolm suggests, and it is also the humour to be found in More's Utopia. But it is also the mainspring of theatrical farce, and represents the spirit of recent memory children could be heard chanting "Sam Sam, dirty THE ORIGINS

old man, washed his face in a frying pan." It is the comedy of medley and drollery, which has no

OF ENGLISH

NONSENSE

By Noel Majcolm

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proper written history.

That is why the writers covered in this meticulous volume are now quite unknown to name and fame. All that does not aspire to "high art tends to disappear from view. even though the more popular or "low" material may contain the most vital forces within the culture, Indeed, Malcolm tentatively suggests that the serious, or at least established, poets of the 17th century learnt something from the "water poet" and his colleagues. This movement from "low" to high" is another very interesting feature of English culture - the stage lighting of London's theatres certainly affected Turner's paint-



Fool's paradise of nonsense verse

ings, for example - but, again, it has yet to be thoroughly investigat-

Yet nonsense can also be plain fun, and the verses which Malcolm celebrates were part of culture already replete with the mock lovesongs, mock-recipes, mock-heroics and mock-encomia. In a formalised

and ritualised society, such parodic inversions or diversions can be a source of endless pleasure. But why should nonsense be pursued for its own sake? It is a form of liberation from orthodoxy, of course: and although it is indeed part of a tradition, it still encouraged inventiveness of the most private kind. That is why its most vigorous exponent was a "water-man". member of a "low" trade renowned for bad manners and filthy language while rowing their unfortunate passengers across the Thames. His success as a nonsensepoet may well be related to the wealth of dirty slang or sexual demotic all around him, but fundamentally it was just another way of being heard.

It is also possible that the crudity of the Thames somehow infiltrates apparently harmless and sexless nonsense, it would certainly be easy to create a lubricious subtext from such phrases as a "Glister to the Torrid Zones" or "Reach my fierce flye-flap". and Freud might have been surprisingly right in claiming that "cosmic nonsense" was related to infantile sexuality.

But Malcolm's impeccable scholarship does not allow him such speculations; he dismisses the notion of dreams, of folk-festivity or madness, as a source of nonsense. Instead he makes the very interesting point that these writers were engaged in a highly self-conscious stylistic game". This is certainly the context in which we might place such later works as James Joyce's Finnegans Wake.

It cannot be said that all nonsense verse is of a uniformly high standard. The lines of Taylor or "Anon" should be read sparingly and at short intervals. Otherwise the reader becomes dazed by inconsequence and smothered in trifles. But, at its best, it is delightful. The parodies of Marlowe's bombast and the "ink-horn" terms of 17th century academics, for example, are very delicious.

The Origins of English Nonsense is a work of some wit, and itself tends towards parody of more solemn studies. Malcolm's book has all the elaborate paraphenalia of scholarship, complete with learned foomotes and a lengthy bibliography designed to promote the cause of nonsense. This book is as rare, then, as hedgehog's feathers or baskets of water.



White uncompromising

Love, death and longing

LIKE Jean Genet in Our Lady of the Flowers. Edmund White begins his ambitious autobiographical novel with the subject of death. A particular death, that of his lover, Brice, from Aids. Concluding a trilogy of novels that began with A Boy's Own Story and continued with The Beautiful Room is Empty. White's most recent venture into fiction both celebrates and elegises the last three decades of gay life.

In his characteristically clear, unsparing prose style, he narrates a candid account of sexual profligacy. White's early fictional style was, by his own admission, baroque, Over the years, however, he has modified the richness of his language and re-tuned his voice into a more popular. publicly accountable mode of expression. The novel enacts a similar process of modification: the protagonist, a writer struggling to survive and gain recognition, is forced in mid-

Jeremy Reed

THE FAREWELL SYMPHONY By Edmund White Chatto & Windus, £16.99 ISBN 0701136219

die age to abandon the sexual hedonism of his youth for a more austere and cautious life at that point when survival and identity become more

literally imperilled. Always a writer of profound psychological acuity. White takes on the grand themes of love and death with courageous mastery. The discovery of gay love in the narrator's transitional passage from youth to experience is inextricable in the novel from his responsiveness to a sister's love. His emotional capacities are further tested by witnessing his sibling's mental suffering and by experiencing the loss of his parents. The lifeexperience recounted is rich and unusual; for instance, in adopting his sister's teenage son and undertaking a spell as a surrogate parent, the protagonist is forced to face up to a wry but painful social truth: "I often said that I wasn't rich enough to be heterosexual and that children were beyond my means. Now I feared I'd become so burdened with expense that I'd never write again.'

HOW do committed writers live? The public see only the product, not the struggle that goes into creating it. Much of the tension in Farewell Symphony derives from the mov-ing portrayal of a writer's attempts to sustain his formative art despite a lack of means and the vulnerability entailed by his calling.

That writing can redeem a life is very much the message of the book. Although it begins with the joyful encounter of experience in New York and Rome and ends with the writer living in Paris and mourning a generation liquidated by Aids, a spirit of affirmation and survival persists to the last, Faced with the breakdown of his youthful world. the narrator reflects how "these secret meetings - unpredictable, subversive - of reader and writer were all I lived for."

The Farewell Symphony is a monumental achievement of one man's celebration not only of his own sexuality but of an epoch's struggle to achieve a new gay aesthetic. The book gives voice to a life of uncompromising individuation and reaches a depth of compassionate tolerance rare in any

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Throwing light on reading

Roy Foster on making a nation

with literature and language

Reading in the Dark luminous, elliptical. with an ingeniously episodic narrutive — introduced him to a wide readership; his new book, based on his 1996 Clarendon lectures at Oxford. epitomises the kind of work by

bly the most inliterary critic o his generation. he has brough a ferociously engaged attention to bear on trish literary history: besides a series of literary-historical

studies, there is the massive Field Day Anthology of Irish Writing, produced under his editorship and including some of his most incisive grapplings yet with Irish literature and what makes it - or makes it up. Strange Country might be seen as a continuation of this dialogue, and a commentary on the state of Irish literary-

historical criticism. The subject of Irish literature in English from the late 18th century might be made for Deane's kind of intelligence - tightly knotted, dense, ingenious. It requires facing up to a tangled inheritance, where narrative inventiveness is employed to negotiate colonial and linguistic intersections and certain mannerisms and assumptions recur again and again, often in concealed

forms. The themes which preoccupy Strange Country include unreality, alterity, stasis, invention and reinvention; the mechanisms include exaggeration, typification and resolution by means of collusive cliche. Others have visited this territory before (notably Declan Kiberd, David Lloyd, W. J.

STRANGE COUNTRY Modernity and Nationhood in Irish Writing since 1790 By Seamus Deane Clarendon, E25 ISBN 0 198183.7 3

> whom he has always written brilliantly), interpreting his Reflections as part of the new genre of travel writing: this constructs the image of treland as a "strange country" at war with modernity and in need of the imposed interpretations of "civil" literature; the theme is pursued through the idea of "national character" as epitomised in the work of certain Irish writers (Maria Edgeworth) and by the lives of others (the poete maudit James Clarence Mangan). The translations of James Hardlman in Irish Minstrelsy are similarly employed, as is the fiction of Bram Stoker (a writer who, like Elizabeth Bowen, has been seen more

and more clearly as writing in

or against — an trish

McCormack): Deane's contriexem-

pected plars and to Weave his themes back and forth across the four long chapters.
He begin begins with Edmund Burke

Beckford. Unexpected

broadened out from the beleaguered Protestant Big House into a distinctively irish-Catholic tradition, though Mangan's themes as described here doom, criminality, dream-sequences, father-figures, isolating illness. Promethean ambitions and the refusal of conventional religious consolation) would equally apply to Mary Shelley or William

conjunctions are posited with great verve: Standish O'Grady is played against John Mitchel (Carlyleans both, after all) and Mangan against Tom Moore. Discussion of the idea (and ideology) of "national charac-ter" clears a logical if unexpected path to Yeats. Synge and "Celticism". All nearly ends in Joyce, though he too is treated to an illuminating conflation, with Flann O'Brien. The vocation of 'non serviam' of Stephen Dedalus had been replaced by the obedient functionary's job in the Civil Service. The fake nation, with its inflated rhetoric of origin and authenticity. had given way to the fake state, with its deflated rhetoric of bureaucratic dinginess. In the passage from the fantasy of one to the realism of the other, the entity called Ireland

had somehow failed

The strength of the treatment lies in its historicising bent, and the developing theme of the failure of the Union between Britain and Ireland — crystallised for Deane not so much by the rise of Parnellite nationalism as by the catastrophe of the Famine.

n this he follows Parnell's predecessor Isaac Butt. , and he makes good use of Butt's reflection that Irish matters such as land tenure would never be understood by the English as long as they used irrelevant English terms for different trish realities. Deane ends with a consideration of the language of histo-

rians - specifically those of a soi-disant "revisionist" bent in the 1960s, like T.W. Moody and F.S.L. Lyons who, he believes, in considering themselves practitioners of an "impartial" art implicated themselves in the very process which they thought they were analysing. But the point is, surely, that this was a generation ago. The idea that to "revise" Irish history was to be ipso facto anti-nationalist no longer seems relevant; Irish historians are building liter-

ary and cultural analysis into

their work, while Irish literary critics are using historical insights to extend their discipline beyond the canonical confines prescribed in some other jurisdictions. The space between the disciplines is attracting new work which transcends the old restrictive polarities and the hoary political assumptions enshrined within them. The demanding subtleties of these lectures provide, in fact, both a case in point and an encouraging augury for the future.

Roy Foster's W. B. Yeats: A Life. Volume I, is published by



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some sexual anecdotes of my own, comparing my adolescent experiences with those of Naomi Wolf, a woman of almost exactly my age. That I have chosen not to do so illustrates precisely the point that Wolf is making. That she has chosen to do so marks her out as a woman of great

courage. As Wolf points out, "Women can still be 'ruined' by having a sexual past to speak of. Women learn - still - that any sexuai 'past' can be read as 'promiscuity', and that the taint of 'promiscuity' can lead to social or professional cen-sure." Even in fiction, novels of male sexual awakening abound - the initiation into adulthood is seen as a an experience critical to defining the male identity. Yet the female equivalent is rare, and the pleasure and eroticism of teenage girls' sexual discovery

The prevailing fantasy is that, while men have a sexual past", women have none. Women can talk to each other about their sexual experiences but not to the wider world. Wolf, in Promiscuities, smashes that taboo, both directly by writing about herself, and indirectly by relaying the confidences of her oscudenymous

tend to be skated over.

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PROMISCUTTIES A Secret History of Female Desire By Naomi Wolf ISBN 0701165723. WHO'S AFRAID OF FEMINISM? Seeing through the

Backlash Edited by Ann Oakley and Julies Mitchell Hamish Hamilton, £20 · ISBN 0-241-136237

The result makes fascinating reading, especially for a woman of my generation. So much is recognisable: the fear, the excitement, the anxieties unspoken rules. What most shines out from these pages is how much harder it was then to be an adolescent girl than a boy, even for Wolf Haight-Ashbury, in San Francisco, in the 1970s possibly the most sexually liberated time and place in the modern Western world.

The contradictions facing Wolf - and other girls of our age - were manifold. Advised to 'let it all hang out", we risked being regarded as a "slut" if we did so, a label that could not be shaken off. And the lines between acceptability : day are feistier than we were



Naomi Wolf: reveals her past, illuminates the present

and sluthood were simultaneously undefined and ruiningly punishing if crossed. A girlfriend of mine recalls going to American summer camp and being labelled "frig-id" and a "lesbian" because she did not like the teenage dances. Say no to a boy and you must be gay: say yes and you are a slut. Indeed the same boy who accuses you of frigidity until you finally give in to his entreaties may well turn round and call you a slut the

next morning. Thankfully, life improves for women as they mature. And maybe teenage girls toand less constrained by rules largely drawn up by boys. But ences of Wolf and her friends is that theirs was the only female generation in at least a hundred years that could enjoy sex free of physiological danger. Aids has slammed shut the window that opened oh, so briefly then. The cover of Wolf's book will

obably be seen as anathema fellow feminists. An erotic picture of a naked female body, it will doubtless encour age many men to look inside for titillation, But they will discover more about female sexuality in the process than

Playboy. Yet it is the very purism of some feminists that has helped men to vilify them as manhaters. Who's Afraid of Feminism? is a collection of essays that explores the nature of the backlash. It is a shame that much is written in almost incomprehensible jargon, for the idea is worth exploring.

Some women have joined the backlash, often encouraged by male editors who get a kick out of reading the journalistic equivalent of female mudwrestling. But most of feminism's enemies are men. What none of the writers in this book really acknowledges is that it is a measure of ferninism's achievement that men are fighting back.

Workplaces are generally competitive arenas, where one woman's success can mean another man's disappointment. Who can be surprised that, as women start to gain what men have always assumed to be their birthright, anger will mount? We have not yet conquered the career citadels, but I have no doubt that, as we begin to do so, the backlash will become more ferocious. As long as we recognise their reaction for what it is, and do not allow them to make us feel guilty. ugly, selfish or monstrous, we shall have conquered a psy-chological citadel of our own.

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BOOKS

Raymond Seitz lassos two books on America's favourite shoot-'em-up actor and finds his mystique elusive as a runaway steer

Celluloid stills of a nation on the wane

ou can't judge a book by its cover. This is especially true when two books have essentially the same cover.

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There, on both jackets, is the classic Red River photograph of John Wayne in boots, buckskin and bandana. He's standing tall and easy, peering into the expansive distance from beneath the slouchy run of his cowboy hat. A holster is strapped to his side and a Winches-

ter dangles from his right hand. Wayne is big and confident. His right foot is plant-JOHN WAYNE ed forward and The Politics of Celebrity his left hip is By Garry Wills Fuber, £20 ISBN 0571 141762 wards. He is alone, tough and THE CROWDED ready. He is, as PRAIRIE writes. American National "slumbrous pow er, or as Coyne Identity in the writes, benevo-Hollywood Western By Michael Coyne

Garry Wills makes much of

poke pose. It is, he says, the classic contrapposto of Michaelangelo's and Donatello's Davids, but this time wrought in flesh and dressed up in blue jeans. Wayne is, he says, Manifest Destiny on the hoof".

Michael Coyne eschews Florentines, though he accepts there are universalist reflections of Ulysses and Lancelot in Wayne's western persona. But as the apotheosis of Hollywood cowboy, Coyne suggests, Wayne is his own man -

also a phoney. He hated horses. He had to think twice before saying "ain's. When many of his Holly-wood pals went off to the Secund World War. Wayne avoided ser-vice. To compensate, the superstar became the superpatriot of the postwar American screen, defending the walls of the Alamo and riding to the rescue of the imperiled. In the real Hollywood of the 1950s, he abened the McCarthyite witch hunts and later joined the

hyper-conservative John Birch Society. Wills stops just short of declaring Wayne dragged America into the Vietnam Despite this

personal history. as rendered by Wills, John Wayne today — long after his IB Tauris, £25 ISBN 1860640400 death - remains America's most popular, all-time movie idol. His

films, the author explains, embodied the mythology of the grand American West, and while the world around him may have shifted to the point of disorientation, John Wayne continued to represent his solid, reassuring politics of gender (masculinity), race (white), ideology (patriotism) and character (self-reliance). Seeming both invincible and vulnerable, Wayne appeared to be the unwavering expression of American society's contradictions.



Wills arrives at this conclusion through a forensic analysis of Wayne's prodigious work, especially the 13 collaborations with John Ford. He offers detailed synopses of numerous story lines and assigns psycho-sociological significance to almost every gesture and grimace. He sketches diagrams of the alternating seating plans in Stagecoach to find subtle meaning in this seminal film. Alas. Wills's aim to capture the mystique of John Wayne gets lost on his cutting room

Michael Coyne's exposition of the American western is neither as pedantic as Wills nor as provocative. His is a straightforward survey of the rise and decline of this

America's innocent enchantment and then wholesale disillusionment with its own identity. He agrees that Stagecoach (1939) was the pivotal film that elevated western movies above the Grade B league of children's matinees and the first to explore adult themes with originality and intelligence. As a parable of the outlaw-hero, Stagecoach was the progenitor of all the drama and cliches which followed in the golden age of westerns.

Over the next 30 years or so, the vestern was a mirror of America's political and social gyrations. In the postwar Forties, movies such as Red River idealized frontier notions of freedom, individuality, mobility, community and American exceptionalism. In the Cold War

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Fifties, the hero turned loner. alienated from a conformist and often cowering society - Shane, for example, or High Noon.

Vietnam initially romanticized the square-jaw defence of the downtrodden (The Magnificent Seven) or the outnumbered (The Alamo). But as the real costs and horror mounted, the movies told of frustration and self-doubt (Major Dundee). In fact the brutal, failed war abroad, plus the mayhem of political assassinations and urban riots at home, brought America face to face with the hollowness of its own ideals. Coyne writes. Inevitably, the once-pure western degenerated into a glamourised cataclysm of violence and nihilism (The Wild Bunch). Eventually the

genre had nowhere else to 20. In 1974, Pauline Kael, writing in The New Yorker, declared "the western is dead". Coyne agrees, stating simply that whatever followed was elegiac (The Shootist) or comic-book (Clint Eastwood's spa-

Both these books deserve space on the shelves of true movie buffs. They are insightful. But each is limited. Wills performs a cinematographic virtuoso, but he is laboured, choppy and self-indulgent. Coyne's book is formulaic, and though he is more faithful to the western saga, both real and imagined, his conclusions are prosaic. The American identity is far more complex and fluid than either

Views to the kill

battlefields of 1939-45, in the form of papers read in 1995 at a conference at Edinburgh University. It tackled the perpetually interesting question, why do sol-diers fight? Several distinguished names in the military history field such as Keegan, Bond, Erickson, Strachan, Bartov and Holmes took

They established that much of the infantry fighting in Europe in these years was even more expensive in men than the slaughter-Passchendaele during the Great War. Hew Strachan, in a concluding chapter that ties memories of this century's First and Second World Wars together, describes the conference as a pioneering one; its papers explain to a wider public where the cutting edge of current military historical scholarship lies.

Two sections, Hamish Henderson on Sicily and Steve Weiss on Provence, give direct personal ac-counts of action — two combined operations, followed in one case by adventures with the local resistance: the other essays analyse. often from unexpected angles. Reina Pennington, for instance, records that nearly a million women fought in the Red Army's front line; one female sniper

M. R. D. Foot

TIME TO KILL Edited by Paul Addison and Angus Calder Pimlico, E14 ISBN 0712673768

claimed over 300 victims. Angus Calder, contributing himself as an editor should, contrasts Evelyn Waugh's account of the debacle in Crete with Dan Davin's, which is able to take a New Zealander's pride in the New Zealander's

achievements there.
The African, Irish, Indian and Canadian shares in the fighting each get a chapter, and two German historians - Forster and Schulte - discuss the impact on the German lighting man of Nazi ideology. For 50 years the Wehrmacht's old soldiers kept up the pretence that they had played no part in the atrocious conduct that marred the war on the eastern front: a pretence now discarded. American attitudes to combat are discussed as well; Theodore A. Wilson deplores the Americans' system of assigning the stupidest men to the infantry, while Reid Mitchell shows how well, nevertheless. United States infantrymen adapted themselves to mid-century

combat. Omer Bartov has some particularly suggestive notes on the differing French and German pictures of the Great War, and the way those differences affected their armies, as well as their novelists. Martin S. Alexander examines the French catastrophe of 1940, showing that some units fought well while others ran away: he inclines to blame the high command rather than the ordinary poilu. "French losses during the battle were higher, proportionately, than those for a comparable period in the fighting

at Verdun in 1916." Len Deighton, who was present, delighted in the conference, and remarks in a foreword that this "is the most stimulating collection of military history that I have yet encountered." His enthusiasm is well-founded.

Truth and other contingencies

Michael Gove

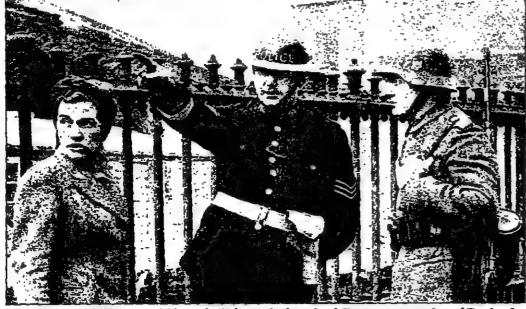
is haunted by histories

not to be

ournalism is not only the first draft of history, it has become increasingly a form of income support for professional historians. The trend, intended to illuminate, tends to distort. This book. although edited by one of the most fecund academic amphibians, the don and polemicist Niall Ferguson, provides an effective antidote to the greatest problem with 800word history, the danger of determinism. It does so in a manner every bit as fluent and a good deal more entertaining than much journalism and most academic

Newspaper editors, anxious to provide readers with an authoritative explanation of complex contemporary events, have been disposed to hire historians who try to show how the conflicts of today are reflections of the past. In analysis the mirror is preferred to the microscope and the war in Yugoslavia, for example, is explained through the looking-glass of Balkari history. The successful colonisation of columns by historians has seen the original occupants of newspaper space take on the habits of the new settlers. No election opinion poll conunentary now seems complete without references to historical patterns and

Although the reader is much better-informed, he is often none the wiser. Instant history too often sees today's actors repeating parterns laid down for them by their predecessors. The people of Northern Ireland, Bosnia or Rwanda become "victims" of history. Voters at this election are doing as their parents did in 1964 or their great-grandparents in 1906. Once a pattern is established to explain the past, it is assumed



But could it? It Happened Here (1963) shows the imagined German occupation of England

VIRTUAL HISTORY Alternatives and Counterfactuals Edited by Niall Ferguson Picador, £20 ISBN 0 330 351 32 X

that template will govern human action in the future. The great virtue of Virtual History is that it puts a lorryload of dynamite under the determinists.

The book shows, from the English Civil War to the collapse of Communism, that no outcome was preordained. It may now appear that the only surprise about the collapse of Communism is that it did not come sooner, even though as late as the Sixties Harold Wilson feared the virtues of planning would see the Soviets overtake the West. But, economically inefficient and politically bankrupt as it was, the Soviet Union might still have been with us. Mark Almond's rightly argued essay makes a powerful case for a chain of unrelated events working on an individual's position. Mikhail Gorbachev, and bringing about the end of the Soviet system

Diane Kurz shows how absence, not presence, can work to the good by imagining a world where John F. Kennedy survived. At the end of the essay one wants to pin the Congressional Medal of Honour on Lee Harvey Oswald. By showing how the deeply flawed JFK would, most likely, not have withdrawn early from Vietnum nor built the Great Society, she simultaneously shores up LBJ and demolishes Oliver Stone. It is

a satisfying mixture. If Diane Kunz is unsenling for Americans, Andrew Roberts is reassuring for Britons. His essay exploring alternative British approaches to Hitler succeeds both in showing how unlikely any policy but considered appeasement was in the Thirties, and also, once the war started, how unlikely was anything other than outright resistance. The thought of a Britain supine and collaborating after conquest haunts the imagination still and the examples of France and the Channel Islands are reproofs to complacency. Roberts is, however, typically forceful and persuasive in asserting Brit-ish exceptionalism, showing how the pattern of conquest on the continent would be disrupted here. Where Kunz and Almond depict individuals overturning history's assumptions, Roberts's hero is the British nation.

Almond, Kunz, Roberts and everal of the other contributors, including Ferguson, are all broadly conservative and many of their essays are congenial reading for conservatives. Not much is these days. But the most satisfyingly Tory aspect of the book is neither its romanticism nor the reassuring affirmation of certain outcomes, but the persistent emphasis on the contingent and circumstantial. The writers' household gods are Burke and Oakeshott. In that respect their work undercuts the determinist drive of historical journalese while satisfying the appetite such

all he does propos my own recent inves-

Nonconformist in

Thomas, Paul Ferris made a telling comment in The Spectator The "critical respect" I extended towards Welsh cultural nationalism, Mr Ferris wrote, ought to make me friends in Wales, "though probably it won't". By and large his prognostication has proved correct. The Welsh intelligensia is so addicted to savouring its wounds that any balm proffered by an outsider is

added anathema The wounds to Wales have come from the inside as well as outside. The country may have been trounced by the beastly English, but in Nonconformity the Welsh embraced an ideology that has scarred their character. Predictably the literature has been strongly affected. Even the best known escapees from Wales, Caradoc Evans and Dylan Thomas, traded on furnishing metropolitan readerships with caricatures of their own kind; those loyal to their nation are too often unable to cast their nets sufficiently wide to cause more

than a ripple on the larger take. In all this R.S. Thomas is and isn't the exception. He is a commanding poet precisely because he has given universal expression to minority consciousness. Yet in two respects, at least, Thomas as Welsh patriot is atypical. He did not acquire the Welsh language until he was 30: nor is he Nonconformist. For 40 years he served as a priest in the Anglican church. Yet it is often hard not to behold in him

the quintessential Welshman. Autobiographies brings together two short texts that have been translated before, and two longer ones that have not: Former Paths and The Creative Writer's Suicide. and Neb ("No-one") and Blwyddyn yn Liyn ("A Year in Llyn"). That the latter pair, which easily constitute Thomas's most ambitious prose works, should now be made more widely accessible is worthy of celebration, apart from the pellucid excellence of Jason Walford Da-

Neb is a deliberate essay in

Justin Wintle

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autobiography. It recounts the po-et's awkward childhood in Holyhead, his difficult years at college and at theological college, his several rural ministries, and the obsessions of his retirement. Readers of his poetry will recognise his yearning to conflate those things that most matter to him: Wales, the Weish language, nature and God. The winter would roll away to give way to the spring," runs a typical trope, "just as the stone was moved from the tomb to allow the risen Christ to appear." But there is a stiffness in the joints. In Neb, writing about himself in the third person, he remains ill-adjusted; and curiously, it is in the lessknown Blwyddyn yn Llyn, cast in the form of a naturalist's diary, that elements harmonise. There at last the Cymric ayatollah half-drops his mask, and shows us the quieter, but also pleasingly mischievous ghost within.

lustin Wintle's Furious Interiors: R. S. Thomas. God and Wales is published by HarperCollins at £30.



Thomas: atypical Welshman

If Bunt and Betty are unpleasant.

Waiting for Hong Kong Phooey

writing arouses.

Erica Wagner

KOWLOON TONG By Paul Theroux Hamish Hamilton, £16,49 ISBN 0 241 13769 3

cials. This latest novel, set just before the handover of Hong Kong ("the Chinese Take-away") presents us with Neville "Bunt" Mullard and his mother. Betty, who preside over their garment factory, Imperial Stitching, and hope to make a

killing on fancy embroidery when all the Hong Kong clubs and societies have their Royal removed. Bunt and Betty live in a strange. almost prewar colonial timewarp, their television a Bush, their toaster a Dualite, their radio a thoroughly British Roberts, Their house, Albion Cottage, is pervaded by a quite English damp, which gave the interior the ripe cheesy odor of a mortuary". Berry knits egg-cosies and slooshes her ill-fitting dentures in her mouth: balding Bunt lies to Berry about his visits to prostitutes:

both of them despise the "Chinky-

Chonks". It is not hard to imagine the same odour of damp and decay emanating from them both. The story of Kewloon Tong is one

of Chinese encroachment. The mysterious Mr Hung makes a generous offer to buy imperial Stitching - an offer which, it soon becomes clear, is not to be refused. Bunt's resistance is met by the "disappearing" of one of his factory girls, Ah-fu. It is this disappearance that reveals the emotional core of the novel: Ah-fu's terrified flatmate is Mei-ping. Bunt's occasional lover. Bunt's experience of love, if it

can be so called, has been limited to lebrile encounters with bar-girls. But somehow, Mei-ping is different: "he imagined himself wanting to hang around after sex and not go back to his mother". Theroux catches his weak desperation, his confused fondness, when Bunt, hoping to keep her out of Hung's clutches, rings Imperial Stitching where she hides behind the screen of the answerphone. "May," he calls, trying to get her to come to the phone. He makes her name English, the best compliment he can

the rest of the cast are even worse: the devious Monty, broker of the deal; the vile Hung, whose white carpet mysteriously disappears at the same time as Ah-fu. Is it clear, in this novel, that Theroux dislikes the Chinese? It is clear that Thereux doesn't like anyone very much, but that's not a surprise, and in any case that's not the point. His eve is sham, his language vivid -Hung pokes the buttons on his telephone "as though putting out its eves" - and if he does not make you like Bunt, he makes you see him in all his fear and despair.

Does this novel have a happy ending? You may guess that for vourself.

WHAT do D. H. Lawrence and Paul Theroux have in common? You have to have something vicious in you to be a creative writer," the former wrote. "God save me from being 'nice'. Theroux is well-possessed of that something. He has rather cornered the market in memorably vicious, or at least highly unpleasant, characters: think of Allie Fox in The Mosquito Coast or the eponymous hero of Millroy the Magician. Think, too, of the choked squeais of distress - emitted not least by his brother Alexander - provoked by his fractured and fractious "autobi-

ography", My Other Life. In Kowloon Tong we are treated to another round of Theroux spe-

a annual round

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Long Bay Beach Resort. Tortola, in the British Virgin Islands, is available from £845 a person a week, including flights, from Caribtours. The Secret Adventure Company at the resort will arrange mountain walks, water sports and more. Details: 0171-581 3517.

HOTELS

- HOLIDAY INN this week launched its Weekender Plus short breaks programme, with offers at 200 hotels in 130 countries worldwide. Room rates start at £36 a night-rising to £134. Details: £500 897121.
- WOODLANDS Park Hotel, at Cobham in Surrey, has a gardening weekend package available for both the May bank holidays. Price for two nights' accommodation and dinner and tea on one day is £147 a person and includes visits to local gardens. Details: 01372 843933.
- CHILDREN aged five and upwards can join in the "Wee Wonder" golf programmes at Foxhills Country Club. Onershaw, in Surrey, Cost for adults (children under 12 stay) free in their parents' room; is £75 a person a night based on a minimum of two nights. Green fees and private lessons extra. Details: 01932 \$72050.
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- **THE BREAKERS HOTEL** in Palm Beach, East Florida. has a summer package from May 27 including £125-worth of credit for sports activities.

- Prices start at \$80 a room a night for a minimum of two nights' stay. Details: 001 501
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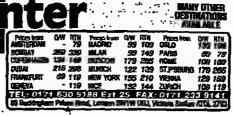
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City airport to break into profit

LONDON City Airport has been regarded as a loss-maker for years. But this year it seems certain to break into profit for the first time as it handles more than the critical number of a million passengers.

Business travellers are switching from Heathrow and Gatwick to a rapidly growing number of airlines operating from the airport in east

In March the number of passengers grew by 60 per cent compared with the same month last year. Airport executives now believe that the airport could become a key gateway for millennium visitors to nearby Greenwich.

For the moment, however, the airport concentrates on attracting the high-spending business traveller. Jon Horne, the airport director, says: "We like to regard ourselves as the 'Dorchester' of airports." He is so keen on establishing the airport as the most prestigious in London that he has hired a commissionaire to

We don't like talking about profitability, but we have definitely turned the corner," he says. "Flights are fuller, passenger numbers are going

BA keeps

self-write

tickets

By STEVE KEENAN

BRITISH Airways has been

forced into an embarrassing

U-turn over plans to introduce

electronic ticketing across its

An outery from business

travellers, particularly in Scot-

land, has prompted BA to

retain its paper-based Time-

saver tickets, due to be with-

Scottish business passengers

on Shuttle routes uses Timesaver, which allows them

to write their own tickets and

But BA's UK Distribution Manager, Gavin Halliday,

admitted market reaction had

"In terms of the initial

objectives, I suppose it is a U-

turn, but it is a response to what the market is telling us.

The message from Scotland is

that they want paper-based

BA's reversal is a setback in

which the airline hopes will

save the company millions of

The carrier says that its

distribution costs are twice

that of fuel, and second only to

It will continue indefinitely

to accept self-write Timesaver

tickets, although it is going

ahead with plans to withdraw

the Timesaver machines. But Mr Halliday denied

that the reversal threatened

the future of E-ticketing,

which is now being used by 3,000 travellers daily on BA's

The reaction has been strong, but keeping Timesaver is about enabling customers to

use what they find suitable. It is driven by the consumer."

domestic routes.

pounds in distribution costs.

An estimated one in five

UK network.

drawn on April 30.

forced the rethink.

pay later.

up daily, and as Heathrow gets fuller, and therefore more congested, business travellers are realising how quick it is to get into the centre of London from the Continent."

The European business traveller is setting the pace. Ten of the 11 airlines that operate from the airport to 18 destinations are owned by companies from the Continent and registered there. Only one is on the British register - and even that, Air UK. is 45 per cent owned by the Dutch airline KLM. The average flight carries 40 per cent of its passengers from Britain, compared

with 60 per cent from Europe.
But London City does not care
where the airlines are based so long as they fly in and out. The airport has consistently lost money since it was opened in October 1987, accumulating debts of well over £50 million by the time it was sold to Dermot Desmond for £23.5 million in 1995.

The Dublin-based husinessman, who also owns the luxurious Sandy Lane Hotel in Barbados, bought at the right time. The four-engined BAel46 jet was just beginning to make an impact at the airport, bringing all the key European cities



Welcome: a commissionaire greets passengers to London City Airport

within its 1,000-mile range. Simultaneously, Heathrow and Garwick were becoming increasingly congested and road and rail access to London, especially from Heathrow, was considered long, tortuous and often unreliable. London City's runway was extended, longer hours of operation were allowed and the number of aircraft movements rose from 30,160 to 36,500 a year.

After a few years of apparent stagnation, Docklands is again booming. The vital Jubilee Line extension, due to open in March next year, will bring Westminster within 20 minutes of the airport. Sadly, the planners did not have the vision to run the Tube line to the airport, so shuttle buses will have to cover the last half mile between the airport and Canning Town station. Theoreticaly,

the airport could handle 3.65 million passengers a year, provided they all used the 100-seat jets. But the airport owners would be happy if half that figure was achieved before 2000.

The airport is determined to remain a dedicated business airport where check-in is only ten minutes before departure and the airport's calm is never disturbed by the crowds common at conventional airports. Even at peak times it is unlikely that there will be any more than 200 passengers in the terminal

building at any one time.

London City has become so successful that other cities throughout Europe are considering copying it.

As European aviation deregulation takes effect, more airlines are expected to move into London City, starting with an as yet unnamed British carrier opening a network of domes-tic services to link Britain's main

The question will be whether business travellers are prepared to pay more to fly in a much smaller aircraft from a much smaller aircort than they are used to. The original planners were convinced they would be and now, after nearly ten years of operation, their dream appears to be

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IRA tactics have a global impact

Now the

world

knows

what it is

like to be

a target

The IRA clearly understands the importance of travel and tourism to Britain - even though so many of the politicians who want our votes next week do not yet appear to appreciate its worth.

But the disruption, especially to air travellers, caused by a few cynical phone calls could have been so much worse had it

not happened this week. Gatwick airport, for example, was expecting to handle about 50,000 passengers on Monday, and to

have 595 aircraft taking off and landing. In the peak season it could be double that number.

Nonetheless. there was nearchaos within minutes of the first warning mated 4,000 departing passengers — many

of them business travellers -- were ordered to evacuate both terminals.

Aircraft already heading for Gatwick had little option but to land, guided by air-traffic controllers in the tower which, being airside, was not affected by the mass evacuation. Within hours, more than 130 were parked on any available piece of concrete near the single runway, many of them filled with passengers who had aiready flown for up to ten hours, only to be forced to wait for another

Fortunately, Gatwick has often practised — on paper, at least — what to do in such an emergency. And the disruption frustrating though it was, was kept to a minimum by crisis-management teams operating from hastily requisitioned offices.

Canvassing politicians were soon praising the bulldog spirit" shown by British travellers" in the face of such economic ter-

rorism; but this was far from a purely British problem. On average, 35 per cent of the 24 million passengers who use Gatwick every year are foreign. And on Monday morning the number would have been particularly high as aircraft with passengers from around the world were using Gatwick as a junction

It is the growing international nature of the indus-try that has led many big airlines to tone down their national identity to become as "global" as possible.

British Airways flies to 180 destinations in 85 countries. More than 60 per cent of its revenue carned outside Britain, Because 80 per cent of any aircraft can come from outside Britain, it is little wonder

that the airline insists that all cabin crew speak at least one other language and bases its cabin staff in 15 countries.

United Airlines has 950 of its cabin staff based in Britain to provide "an ele-ment of home culture" for British passengers on its transatiantic flights and thousands more around the world. Whichever country flights are coming from or going to, there are people on board who speak the language and understand the culture. There are magazines and movies in that language, food from any country the aircraft flies to. and signs and symbols that mean the same anywhere in the world.

So when the IRA threatens Gatwick, it threatens not just British travellers but those from all over the world.

Now the world knows what it is like to be at the receiving end - and learns to loathe the IRA as much



FIVE tropical holiday islands in Australia are to be sold by Qantas, the national airline, Tony Dawe writes.

It has decided to concentrate on the extremely competitive air travel business and shed its other interests.

The airline acquired the islands, including Lizard island, the "iewel in the Great Barrier Reef', when it took over an internal airline last

However, it has decided to sell because marketing the islands is distracting the com-

Qantas disposes of island assets

pany from its main business. The asking price has yet to be disclosed but as it can cost tourists £500 a night to stay on the islands, the final figure is certain to run into many millions of pounds.

A handful of British tourists are among the holidaymakers who visit the exclusive islands, which feature in a number of brochures available in Britain, including Select from Austravei. Lizard

tacular, pristine, private and the very best place for snorkelling and scuba

diving". Bedarra Island, close to the reef, has accommodation for ló couples in two-level villas overlooking the sea and backed by a rainforest ridge. The other islands for sale are Brampton, Great Keppel and Dunk.

Oantas has been urged to

British Airways executives. The two airlines have a joint management team in the Far East which is trying to fight

off growing competition.

Rivals include Singapore
Airlines. Cathay Pacific and the joint Malaysian Airlines/Virgin operation. BA holds a 25 per cent stake in

The Austrolian airline has set up subsidiaries to market

Far East, These include Qantas Holidays, which offers deals linking cheap flights with discounted hotel accommodation, Jetabout, which offers a wider range of packages.

The company has just launched a series of land/cruise holidays as part of a plan to attract more British passengers to its luxury liner Reef Endeavour, which operates three and four-day cruises from Cairns to the Great Barrier Reef.

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Stephen McClarence in Santiago Alain de Botton on

Proust's France



Airport-rail link set for the autumn

By CHRIS LOCKWOOD

THE FIRST stage of the E400 million Heathrow Express fast rail link from central London to the airport is on track for an autumn launch. Initially, the service will

operate from Paddington to a specially built station called Airport Junction near the Forte Crest hotel. Journey time will be 30 minutes and coaches will connect to take passengers to terminals at Heathrow. From June 1998, the express service is due to start in earnest, with departures every 15 minutes directly to the

airport in around 16 minutes. Airline check-in desks will be available at Paddington, and the service will operate in three classes, according to Jeremy Job, the marketing director for the project which is owned and operated by

In its first full year. Heathrow Express is expected to carry 6.5 million passengers, rising to more than 10 million a year by 2000.

Travelling at speeds of up to 100mph, the new fast trains will run non-stop to the airport serving all four terminals. Land has also been set aside to extend the service to terminal

five if it is eventually built. The news will come as a relief to those who have suffered the seemingly endless Piccadilly underground line link which stops at all points along the way, and mixes airport-bound passengers with local travellers in an uneasy blend of briefcases. suitcases and shopping bags.

British and the same

TRAVEL NEWS IN BRIEF

GUYANA is the newest destination for British tourists seeking something different, Tony Dawe writes. Holidays to the only English-speaking country in South America have been included for the first time in the latest brochure from Trips Worldwide, launched last night. The Bristol-based company, which

specialises in bespoke holidays, is offering tours which take in the country's three main features: coastal scenery. rainforest and savannah. "Guyana is an exciting country which

is just opening its doors to tourists," says Hamish MacCall, Trips director. "Its rivers, wildlife and food are superb. and visitors know they are unlikely to bump into more than a dozen other tourists while there.

The new brochure also features holidays to Mexico, all the Central American countries and some Caribbean islands.

The European Transport Safety Council has launched a campaign to cut the number of road deaths from 45,000 a year to 25,000 by 2010. That is not a misprint. On average, 45,000 people a year die on Europe's roads. This compares with an average of 1,207 killed in commercial flights throughout the world each year.

Two lawyers, a tax expert and a counsellor on intra-European trade have been signed up by a Belgian hotel to offer free advice on the intricacies of community law to guests checking into the 17thcentury property. Despite its age, the Hôtel les Tanneurs at Namur on the banks of the Meuse, has been fitted with every modern business communications device, including a cyber café. The owner, an English-speaking former lawyer, offers a range of business advice for his clients, and has persuaded other experts to stand by to give the first consultation free, after which the meter starts ticking.

II The largest riverboat to operate through the Thames bridges arrives in London next week after its launch at Lowestoft. The 1,000-ton Silver Sturgeon - twice the size of any other floating restaurant on the Thames was built at a cost of more than 12 million for Woods River Cruises and million for vision of the supersonic speed. It spends only three which they are now denied,"

restaurants, two dance floors, open promenade decks and its own wine cellar. A planning application for an exclusive pier opposite the Savoy Hotel from which the vessel can operate is still being considered.

India is proving a particularly attractive holiday destination this year with many tour operators reporting bookings running at least a third up on last year. Tour group Inspirations has seen India bookings for next winter rise 33 per cent. and holiday company Unijet is doubling its Goe capacity in its winter 1997-98 brochures, which went on sale yesterday



with packages starting at £399 for seven

■ Stung by a series of recent criticisms over the alleged unreliability of Concorde, British Airways has produced the supersonic jet's "health notes" for the past 12 months. There have been 18 cancelled flights out of 1,400 and pilots have reported 22 problems, they say, But the flagship, which still manages to turn heads wherever it goes, has made 44,000 trips and spent 127,000 hours in the air of which 100,000 were at

hours a day in flight, compared with 13 hours for a Boeing 747, so although it is now getting long in the tooth, in flying terms its age is equivalent to a four-yearold jumbo jet It has left Heathrow exactly on time on 74 per cent of its flights and within 15 minutes in 94 per cent. BA insists, therefore, that it is still in good condition and will continue to fly for the foreseeable future.

Tiny British Mediterranean Airways. now a franchise partner of big-brother British Airways, began operating direct flights from Heathrow to Alexandria in Egypt this week. The service will operate three times a week.

■ The Royal British Legion reports a sharp increase in the number of young people wanting to visit the graves of relatives killed overseas. "In the past only about one in five of our clients would have been 50 or under," said Piers Storie-Pugh. who runs the Legion's Pilgrimages Department near Maidstone in Kent, "Now, well over half travelling are 50 or below, with many a lot younger. Whereas the older travellers would have been visiting the grave of a brother, fiancé or excomrades, these younger people are frequently going to visit a grandfather's

■ A new range of "video-postcards" travel videos from a selection of favourite British resorts - is now on sale at £4 each. Advance orders for the videos, the first batch of which show Devon. Cornwall, Blackpool, London, ireland, Jersey and Guernsey, have exceeded

The over-50s are to have their own "grown-up" radio station under plans now being finalised by the Saga holiday company. Saga is convinced that its section of the market has been ignored by the broadcasting authorities. "Every radio franchise which has been awarded has gone to those who want to target the youth market and to provide nearly non-stop indie or dance music," says Tim Bull. Saga director. "We believe there is a more mature audience who want to listen to classical music, to plays and to other programmes - access to



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Higgins happily takes short cut into next round

By PHIL YATES

JOHN HIGGINS, an inveterate tinkerer with his cue, benefited from a bold adjustment to reach the last lo of the Embassy world championship at the Crucible Theatre. Sheffield, yesterday.

Higgins, among the favourites to collect the £210,000 first prize, defeated his Scottish compatriot, Graham Horne, 10-6 and now plays either Dominic Dale or Tony Drago, but only after deciding to have the length of his cue reduced by a quarter of an inch during a mid-session interval.

Trailing 3-1 and devoid of confidence, Higgins sought the assistance of refereecum-cue-doctor. Lawrie Annandale, in a scheduled 15-minute break. Annandale skilfully sawed off the offending piece of timber and the

transformation was immediate. Higgins, bedevilled by equipment doubts all season, ended the session 5-4 ahead. thanks to breaks of III, 79, 53

"I thought the cue was slightly too long when I was practising back home last week, but I told myself to put it out of my mind," Higgins said. "When I went 3-I down, though, I didn't feel comfortable at all and I knew I had to do something drastic.

'lt's all in my head because I ve been chopping and changing things around for ages now. I won the European Open in Malta last month. then had an extra half an inch put on the cue. How can you account for doing something

Alain Robidoux, of Canada, full of self-belief after the most

TABLE TENNIS

China ready to exert unbreakable hold

By RICHARD EATON

A TOTAL of 108 nations will be represented when the world championships begin at the G-Mex Centre. Manchester, today, but proceedings are likely to be dominated by only one -

The nation embraces the game as a vehicle for its proletarian philosophy to such an extent that it is inadvertently doing even more than providing the top seeds in all seven events. At least 16 other nations have supplemented their squads with Chinaborn competitors, attracted by more material rewards outside their own political

favourites will be the 'Pocket Rocket", Deng Yaping. Only 5ft tall, she won at the past two Olympies and the past three world championships. Of almost equal status in the men's singles — and in the nickname stakes -- is "King" Kong Linghui. The main threat to Linghui will come from Liu Guoliang, who is the Olympic cham-pion and, needless to say, his compatriot.

In a European venue, though, it would be folly to rule out the Swedes. At the championships in Gothenburg four years ago, Jan-Ove Waldner, Jorgen Persson and Peter Karleson were good enough to capture the men's team title for a third successive time.

Kept fresh, they may still be capable of stopping China. If Waldner reproduced the form that won him the European title in Bratisiava last year, he could regain the men's singles title after.

England's men and women are in the top categories of their team competitions and should be able to remain in them. Despite the boost of Matthew Syed, a newly-crowned Commonwealth champion, however. medals appear out of their range.

successful season of his career, set up a second-round encounter with Stefan Mazrocis by rallying from 8-7 down to beat Brian Morgan 10-8. Robidoux. runner-up at the German Open in December, has thrown himself into snooker since deciding to make his permanent base in Britain.

"It's a sacrifice because I really miss home," Robidoux said. "It's been seven months since I went back there and I've even forgotten what maple syrup tastes like. At least I can't complain with the way things have gone on the table."

Robidoux, the No 14 seed, led 7-5, but lost the plot in the next three frames. Indeed, leading 42-14 in the sixteenth, Morgan was handily positioned to move two-up with three to play until he missed a blue. A clearance of 58 enabled Robidoux to draw level at 8-8 before contributions of 45 and 89 guaranteed a victory that took his total prize-money for a single season above E100.000 for the first time since he joined the professional ranks in 1988.

Jimmy White, who needs to reach the final here to extend his stay among the game's top 16 into a sixteenth consecutive season, built a 6-3 lead over Anthony Hamilton. Runs of 45, 43, 81, 53 and 125 were the highlights as White ensured a commanding advantage going into the concluding session last night. The winner will go face John Parrott, the

world No 4. James Wattana, the great hope of Thailand, exploited the obvious nervousness of Graeme Dott, who was on his debut at the Crucible, to establish a 6-3 overnight lead.

Higgins does not have a monopoly on cue problems.
On the eve of travelling to the European Open seven weeks ago, Wattana damaged his cue during a bout of horse play and has yet to become fully accustomed to the reent. This was narticularly apparent when the former world amateur champion, who remains the highest ranked non-British player. was forced to play positional shots with power.

RESULT®: First round: S Lee (Eng) bt N Bond (Eng) 10-8: A Poblidoux (Carr) bt B Morgan (Eng) 10-8: J Higgins (Soot) leads G Horne (Soot), 5-4: J White (Eng) leads A Harriston (Eng) 6-3: J Westerns (That) leads G Dott (Soot) 8-3:





Bartlett, the Navy replacement, leads the charge at the RAF defence at Twickenham

Davies and Thomas out

JONATHAN DAVIES and Arwel Thomas, who contested the Wales No 10 shirt in the five nations' championship this season, have been ruled out of their clubs' starting line-ups for the Swalec Cup final at Cardiff Arms Park on

Saturday. Davies, who is still recovering from a dead leg and has played little rugby during the past month, will be confined to the replacements' bench as Cardiff opt for Lee Jarvis at stand-off ha

Thomas, who played his first game in two months in Swansea's unexpected defeat at Newbridge on Saturday, will make way for Aled Williams. He is still not 100 per cent fit after feeling some reaction to the knee ligament injury that forced him to miss the five nations' finale against

England last month.

Alex Evans, the Cardiff director of coaching, said: "I don't think it will make that much difference. Aled is a

ery good player."
The news will deprive a capacity crowd of the chance to see two of the most talented players in Wales going head to head in the last match to be staged at the Arms Park before it is pulled down. Davies said: "It's a shame

but I hope I will be able to play some part in the match, will be on the replacements' bench."

Also out of the action will be David Young, Cardiff's Wales prop, who will be touring South Africa with the British Lions this summer.

Young, the 18-stone tighthead, is still suffering from an ankle injury that he received in the match against Ebbw Vale on March i.

"David has come on well, but is still a bit short of a gallop." Evans said. "He is in the squad for the Lions tour and it's not fair on him to put that at risk by rushing him back early.

West Hartlepool could appoint a new director of rugby in time for the Courage Clubs Championship first division match against London Irish, their fellow strugglers, on Saturday.

West has handed caretaker coaching duties to Dave Stubbs after parting company with Mark Ring.

Ring, who still had one year of his contract remaining. paid the ultimate price after a dismal league campaign that has so far realised 17 defeats from 20 starts and certain relegation. Capped 32 times by Wales, he can expect a fivefigure settlement.

Late try by Underwood earns RAF lucky draw

Royal Navy..... Royal Air Force 24

By MICHAEL AYLWIN

THE Army won the Willis Corroon Bowl by proxy yester-day at Twickenham. The trophy for the annual inter-Services competition goes to them for the first time since 1990) after the RAF and Navy produced the second draw in the event this year.

The RAF needed only to win by three points to claim the trophy, having drawn 35-35 with the Army last week, but seemed singularly unmoved by the prospect. The last ten minutes aside, their forwards seemed quite content to let the Navy's pack trample all over

Rarely can an eight so comfortable in the scrum have been so routed in the loose, thus disabling the more dangerous back division.

Lee Smith, the RAF wing, opened the try-scoring in the fifth minute, and Rory Underwood scored the first of a brace on the half hour. In between, the Navy scored through both their wings, Spencer Brown and Russ Williams, before exerting an almost total dominance for 40 minutes, during which they were rewarded by a penalty goal and a try from Bob Armstrong. After the Navy forwards had twice been held up over the line. Armstrong, an inspiring captain and No 8, was finally forced over for a try after a quickly taken penalty.

The margin, however, was not sufficient to withstand the RAF revival in the final minutes, which brought a converted try from Underwood.

SCORERS: RAP: Tries: Smith, Underwin 72. Cornersions: Lazenby (3). Pen goal: Lazenby Many: Tries: Brown, 1 -ems, Amstrong. Penalty goals: Gre 100.

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by Mine P Gore (CTCMS Limpstone, 77)
Referee: C Reeks (Somersel)

IN BRIEF Zambians to protest over Paul's victory

BHB toll tighten to qualify extra ful

THE Zambian Boxing Com-mission is to lodge a protest with the Commonwealth Council about the outcome of the bout between Felix Bwalya, of Zambia, and Bernard Paul, of Tottenham, for the vacant Commonwealth light-welterweight title at Bethnal Green on Tuesday.

The Zambians thought that their man had won, but, at the end of the twelfth round, they saw Larry O'Conneil, the referee, lifting Paul's hand, giv-ing him the verdict 117-1162, Their complaint was given weight by the view of most ringsiders, who also thought that Bwalya had won clearly by at least four to five rounds,

Athleties: Michael Johnson will make his first appearance in Great Britain for three years when he competes at the grand prix meeting in Shelfield on June 29. Johnson, who became the first man to win the 200 metres and 400 metres at the same Olympics, in Arlanta last summer, will use the Securicor Games to decide whether to attempt the same double at the world championships in Athens in August.

Rughy league: The split within the Australian game hardened yesterday when 12 clubs opted to prolong their opposition to the Super League for another season. Warringah, the national champions, led a commitment by the clubs to play in the Australian Rugby League premiership in 1998. The agreement ended speculation that several clubs might switch to Super League next season.

Volleyball: England's hopes of winning their group in the men's Spring Cup in Slovenia evaporated after they lost their opening match against Austria and were then beaten in straight sets by Switzerland. RESULTS: Spring Cup (Sovens), Pool A (Kermik), Pool A (Kermik): Austre 3 England 2: Slovenis 3 Serizariand 0: Serizariand 3 England 0: Serizariand 3 England 0: Coula 3 Lectharatish 0: Germiny 3 Lectharatish 0: Germiny 3 Lectharatish 0: Germiny 3 Carolin Parameters (Coula 3 Lectharatish Coula Marchana (Coula Carolin Marchana (Coula Carolin Marchana)

Hockey: Mandy Davies, the Sutton Coldfield midfield player, has been appointed captain of the England women's team to take part in the five nations' tournament in Vancouver next week.

Rugby union: Barry Hearn. the sports promoter, questioned the wisdom of investing money in the sport when he dismissed reports linking him with a takeover of Gloucester.

JEWSON EASTERN LEACHJE Primiler division: Bury Town v Herwich and Parkeston Diss v Petitatows P and T PA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE Mailtonel division: Warrbiny Lades v Southernoton Sants (at Harwell Town FC, 45).

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

When your partner has overcalled, and you are on lead holding three to an honour in his suit, it is usually best to lead low However, against no-trump contracts, it can be right to lead high if there is a risk of a blockage. The holdings to be wary of are those with two honours, eg, KJ x or K10 x. This comes from the Cap Gemini tournament, played in The Hague in January.

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	1 H	1 S	
2 S All Pass	3 H	Pass	3 NT

Contract: Three No-trumps by South

Bompis's decision to bid Three was alive to the potential No-trumps facing a likely blockage in spades; he led the singleton spade was made on ace of spades and followed up the basis that he felt confident with the ten, which Chagas (East) ducked. Now Bompis that he could stop the run of the spades, and he would thus had been given a free spade need to establish either the trick, but the defence had three hearts or diamonds. You will spade winners waiting in the wings: that meant that of spades and East puts in the Bompis could not afford to queen and returns a spade, declarer will not get a spade give up a diamond trick. He took the top diamonds, then trick - but he will make his tried the heart finesse and contract by setting up the diamonds, since East has no vent two down. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on fast entry to the spade winbridge Monday to Friday in

WORD-WATCHING TO

By Philip Howard

AGOUTI a. A taste b. A North African language c. A large guinea pig

However, Branco (West)

BASHAW a. An exclamation. Pshaw! b. A pasha c. A two-wheeled carriage

BROOL a. A humming b. Honey and whisky c. A spindle in Orkney ACALEPHA a. Without a caliph b. A jelly-fish

Sport and in the Weekend

section on Saturday.

c. A Greek wine-jar Answers on page 49



BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

All square

Today I continue my review of Kasparov's 1996 clash against IBM's Deep Blue computer, in preparation for their renewed battle, which commences in New York on May 3.

With the score at one win each, Kasparov defended in the third game in solid fashion and thwarted all of Deep Blue's attempts to gain the advantage with its bishop against Kasparov's knight. Still, Kasparov had not found a way to create closed, exclusively strategic positions as Black, in which Deep Blue would find itself less comfortable. The score was now 12 points each.

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Philadelphia, 1996								
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13		Birc3						
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15	Bf4	+EM						
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18		Dol						
19	Qxc4	Poc4						

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g3 0x04 36 Kt3 Rd7 38 Rxd4 39 Rxa6 Draw agreed

Diagram of final position 2 1 2

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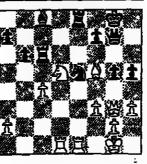
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section on Saturday. 20 Rcb1 AND HOLE WATER

White to play. This position is from the game Pinter -Casagrande, Austria, 1997. The black pieces are on uncomfortable squares, How

By Raymond Keene

does White exploit this to score a quick win on material? Solution on page 49



FOR THE RECORD RASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE: Minnesofe 5 Cel-land 3; Boston 8 Cleveland 2, Beltimore 3 Chigago 2: New York 10 Milwaukee 2. Toronto 7 Anahem 6; Seattle 7 kaneas Cey 2 NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York 7 Cinomat 2: Montreal 5: Chicado 1: Colorado 13 TENNIS

nati 2; Montreal 5 Chicago 1: Colorado 13 Flonda 4; St. Louis 6 Los Angelas 4; Houston 12 Sen Diago 3; Atlanta 4 San Francisco 0 BASKETBALL EUROPEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP; Semi-finals: Olympiakos (Piraeus) 74 Olympia Ljubijana 85, Barcelona 77 Villeurbarina (Pg 70).

SYDNEY: Mazzia Jack High International singles (round robin) Section A: R Brassey (NZ) bit S Glasson (Aus) 44, 9-6, 9-4, 1-3 you (Aus) bit R Dunn (Aus) 6-9, 9-4, 9-3 Section B. K Kerkow (Aus) bit A Alcock (Eng) 4-8, 9-6, 9-4, K Walsh (Aus) bit N Burtlett (SA) 4-9, 9-5, 9-4; Allcock bit C Anderson (Norfoli, Ialand) 9-6, 9-8. BOXING YORIK HALL, Bethnal Green: Common-vesath Right-weltenveight championship (12 mds, vacant) Bemard Paul (Totler-ham) bt Fetix Swalya (Zam) pts. Light-welter (6 mds): Georgie Smith (Bassidon) bt Brian Coleman (Bimmgham) pts. Light-welter (6 mds): kevin McKitlan (Man-riesster) bt Trevior Dison (Bimmgham) pts. Walter (4 mds) Quy Abrahams (Watiord) bt Paul King (Newcastie) bts. Welter (6 mds)

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RUGBY UNION

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(Sp) 6-4, 6-2; L Marigam bt D Kviernen 6-1, 6-0. Woment: Pleat round: J Luttove (Ruse) bt D van de Zande (Bel) 6-2, 6-4; B Auer (Austria) bt E Jelfs 6-4, 6-7, 6-3; D Muscotino (Arg) bt C Coombs 6-1, 8-2; L Ahl bt L Perkins 6-2, 7-6; J Pullin bt H Ferr 6-3, 6-2; A Waisewright bt J Osman 6-0, 6-2; L Ogen bt T King (NZ) 6-0, 6-2; C Taylor bt C Kremer (Ger) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3. Second mound: D Vandezande (Bel) bt A Jeres 6-4, 6-4, J Ward bt A Schartschmert (Ger) 6-2, 6-2; L Woodrolle bt P Fussegger (Austra) 6-2, 6-2; N Tijssen (Holl) bt Auer 6-3, 6-1, Ahl bt Muscotino 8-1, 8-4, S Scidali bt L Lutimer 6-4, 6-4. COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONS P. Fourth division south: Newbury 54 Wes-lon-super-Were 13. POOLS DIVIDENDS

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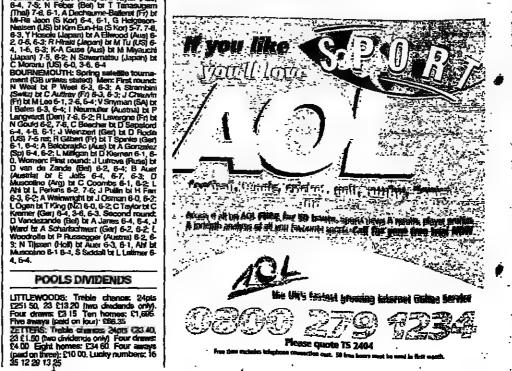
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BHB told to tighten belt to qualify for extra funds

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE British Horseracing Board (BHB) was yesterday effectively ordered by the Levy Board to cut out financial waste if the sport is to have extra prize-money.

Racing's paymasters promised to increase their prize-money contribution in 1998.9 by £500,000 to £29 million but only if the BHB tackles the costly duplication of television coverage on racecourses involving RaceTech and SIS.

The ultimatum comes as the Levy Board braces itself for an expected £5 million cut in income next year because of a change in the way levy paid by big bookmakers is calculated.

Faced with the likely £5 million fall in 1998-9 income, the board is planning cuts in other heads of expenditure. The increased prize-money grant is dependent largely upon the BHB cutting the cost of integrity services and reducing the costly duplication of television coverage in which

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Nap: TEOFILIO (3.40 Beverley) Next best: Cathedral (2.10 Beverley)

RaceTech provide video for the stewards while SIS produce pictures primarily for use in betting offices," the board said in a statement.

RaceTech, which is owned by the BHB and employs 150 people, provides footage for stewards from cameras which operate alongside those of SIS. The cost of duplication is considerable and the BHB is likely to seek a joint venture between the two companies which could contribute to savings of about £3 million over

The build-up for the Vodatone Derby got underway at Epsom yesterday -with the most important action taking place off the racecourse which will stage the world's most important Flat race on June 7.

On the track, only three runners turned out for the Blue Riband Trial Stakes and aithough Palio Sky, the odd-on winner, is destined to run in a

Derby it is the Italian variety. Before racing began, Sue El-len, managing director of United Racecourses, spelt out her recipe for trying to attract crowds back to the Derby.

You don't have to be a racing expert to enjoy the Derby. We want it to be a national day out; a party on the Downs and an event which everyone can come to. It is the people's event and one of the themes is to give the Hill back to the people and try to recreate the spirit we had before," she said.

A catchy Epsom "conga," written to create a Derby anthem, will be broadcast on radio and backed up by poster and press advertising. Specia-tors on the Hill will be able to watch racing from the rails for the first time in years.

However, the main concern lacing Epsom's officials yesterday was the disclosure that Vodafone is unlikely to renew its sponsorship of the Derby unless the television audience for the classic is around five million, "We are not threatening United Racecourses in any way. We would be very happy to continue with this sponsor ship if it is successful this year," Terry Barwick, Vodafone's director of corporate affairs, said.

If success hinges on attracting such a large television audience, the chances of renewal are slim. "We will not make a decision until after the Derby," Barwick added.

Gay Kelleway hoped last year that Musheer, third to Bahhare in the Champagne Stakes, might develop into a classic horse. Imagine her disappointment when the horse's owners decided over the weekend to move the colt to another yard.

when Major Change won the City and Suburban Stakes. The victory was the first leg of a 287-1 treble for Kieren Fallon, completed by Supply And Demand and La Modiste. Frankie Dettori was not so fortunate. He was unseated by Move With Edes in the concluding Warren Limited



Corket, left, is about to full at the last, leaving Noyan and Williamson to collect the Heineken Gold Cup

Countries united by racing as **English raider lifts Gold Cup**

learn that the second day . of the Punchestown Fes tival passed off without incident or an irrevocable severing of Anglo-Irish relations. True, there were a few pickpockets about and ladies were warned to take care of their handbags with the hand not used to rescue their hats from a persistent wind. But. on the whole, English still talked to Irish, the Irish talked back and if the common subject was the horse, trivial enough when compared with the menace of the IRA and the future of Northern Ireland, the shared plea-

sure in racing could be felt in every corner of Punchestown. I only mention this because an article appeared yesterday morning in an English tabloid newspaper calling, only a little facetiously, for all Irish However, the bubbly trainhorses, jockeys and trainers to be banned from the Cheler gained some compensation tenham Festival as a reprisal against the IRA for its cam-

paign of bombing and dis-ruption on the mainland. Apartheid had been went, so why not the IRA? Nothing to do with trade, commerce, the economy or anything trivial; Nelson Mandela was lifted to power by the refusal of England to Stakes and suffered mild concussion. He was stood down for today and tomorrow.

Andrew Longmore on the friendly rivalry that pervades the Punchestown Festival

play cricket or rugby against South Africa. which is as disingenuous as the belief that a ban on Irishness at an English racecourse will somehow succeed where genera-tions of politicians have Sports journalists are con-

stantly in danger of elevating sport to a significance way beyond reality. England and Ireland, north and south, need as much common ground as they can get. Racing is a trifling cause for joy, a pastime pursued by both peoples through a century of troubles. And there is no better symbol of unity than the Punchestown Festival.

If any proof were needed of the common ground, it came in the Heineken Gold Cup. the big race of the day, which was won by an English horse. trained by a Yorkshire-based man and owned by a Scot. brought to its knees by sport-ing isolation, the argument Noyan has French and Canadian blood, though a few years ago winning a selling race was about the height of his ambitions.

"He was completely barmy for a while," Hal McGhie, his owner, said. "The first time he raced he was awash with

Richard Fahey finally extracted the talent lying deep within the chestnut gelding.

Fahey began riding in his native treland before he moved to England, married Leila, the daughter of Peter Easterby, and set up training headquarters in Malton three years ago. He now has 35 horses, but Noyan is one of only five he runs over the

sweat. He took ages to settle."

Two trainers tried to tame the

volatile temperament before

Yesterday was the biggest pay-day of his career, though nothing compared to the winnings of the owner, who doubled his first prize of £37,200 by putting £6,000 on his horse at 6-1 and was worried about how he might ship the money back to

McGhie claims an Irishman's luck with his horses. He only bought Noyan because the original bidder could not stump up the money. His luck held again yesterday when Corket, a winner at the last, took a springtime.

Horgan face down onto the

Horgan was taken to hospital, suffering from concussion and a torn shoulder. Novan. under the expert guidance of Norman Williamson, strode on to win by 15 lengths from BobbyJo.

For McGhie, victory brought back memories of the day 33 years before when he had watched on television at the family home in Lockerbie as his father's horse, Magic Court, had won the Champion Hurdle, His father was a blacksmith, who also ran a milk business. "But his whole life was horses." A suitable description of half the crowd at Punchestown, as it hap-pens, for English no less than

The chatter yesterday night as the racecourse emptied was of the future, of Istabraq, easy winner of the Champion Novices' Hurdle and, say wise men, a certainty for the Champion Hurdle next year. and of Robert Thornton, a champion jockey in the making.

"An unbelievable kid." David Nicholson said after the 18-year-old's double. And English from top to toe, which will make him eligible stride or two behind the for Cheltenham next

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3.10 HEN HARRIER (nap) The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 HEN HARRIER. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3,10 Tough Leader, 3,40 Teofilio, 4,40

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3.10 GANTON HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £4,581: 71 100yd) (7 runners) -

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FORM FOCUS

NONITINE MIR NICEBUY bast Chewil 141 in 9-runnar handscap in Wohernscriptin (71 AW) HEN
HARRIER bast Bartene 341 in 11-name Riponhandleze (1m. good to firm) HAWAT bast Curzon''
Steel nack in 11-namer Lungfleid marden (8), good in 8m) 1843 56 CAN CAN LDV bast Selection: THE WYANDUTTE Will

144 in 12-namer Yamnouth handleze (1m. good to firm) BOATER bast First Channa short in 8m) laug 56 CAN CAN LDV bast Selection: THE WYANDUTTE Will

Selection: THE WYANDUTTE Will

3.40 MOORTOWN MAIDEN STAKES (£3,860: 1m 100yd) (11 numers)

	401	(1)	09-	MARTINDALE 192 (J. Hanson) R. Bastimen 4-9-12 H. Bastimen (5)	1
	402	(5)	40-	BESCHRAT 204 (A Bornard) B Moshen 3-8-12 Pand Eddary	
	403	(2)		BILLE ISLAND (E Center) I Campbell 3-8-12 T Q McLasyliin	
	494	(10)		CRYSTAL GOLD 15 (M al-Marsoum) M Stoute 8-8-12 J Raid	
	45	(8)	5-	GHARIB 178 (Shelin Alened al-Ratourn) A Sensor 3-8-12 M Roberts	9
	406	140	6	NERDMAN 24 (Shelish Michammed) B Halls 3-8-12	-
	447	(3)		NUCHT EXPRESS IR McAusey! B Hambury 3-8-12	
	405	{11}		NOBEL LAD 16 (J Hardnett) J Duniop 3-8-12	
	401	(6)	22-	TEOFILIO 194 (8 Nielsen) D Loder 3-8-12 Pat Eddary	
	410	(C)		GLORIOUS DANCER (M Williamson) J Helberton 3-8-7 M Blitch	
	411	n	\$050-	SEVER MOON 201 (M Sturgess) B McAlphon 3-8-7	J
1	BETT	NG: 8-11	Teglido,	7-2 Crystal Seld, 6-1 Sherto, 10-1 Neronan, 14-1 Bagarral, 18-1 Night Express.	

7696. PREEQUENT 3-6-12 () Urbins 17-4 lavi L. Curson: 12 cm

FORM FOCUS

BEODRRAT 4(4) 4th of 24 to Scoedhall in Newtony mades (6), good to firm) Sep 96. CRYSTAL GOLD 44 2nd of 15 to Green Caud in Report mandes (11m, good to firm) TEOPRUD 11 2nd of 11 to Inspire chair in Report mandes (11m, good to firm) TEOPRUD 11 2nd of 11 to Inspire chair in Report mandes (11m, good) Cut 95. StuPER spire in Report Manuscription (11m, good) Cut 95. Sulper (61, AW) Aug. 95. Selection: TEOPRUD 12 Select

4.10 ALWOODLEY FILLIES HANDICAP

(£2,923: 1m 1i 207yd) (11 runners)

SETTING: 11-4 Tairolah Belle, 4-1 Pennire Septima 3-1 Evening in Paris, 6-1 On The Wikisside, B-1 Worldwide Blaze, Michie Chizanire, 10-7 opens 1996: DARLING GLOVER 4-9-5 N. Fosten (12-1) D Nortey 18 min

FORM FOCUS

TAILLEAM BELLE SAI 5th of 13 to Perdolano in bandicato al Pomintand. (Inc. 21, good to farm) MCGELLYCLODY REEKS about 3/ 3rd of 20 to Persolan on setting brandicap at Samouth (Itm. 31 billyd, good to farm), post 50 PERS 194/ 2nd of 6 to Genuine John in maidten about 4/ 4th of 16 to Rembe Waltzer in appearance bandicap at Hamilton (Itm 65yd, good to 20ff)

Selection. TAILLEAM BELLE

4.40 WOODHALL SPA HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,522: 1m 11 207yd) (7 runners)

(3-1-U. 2.2,026: 110 11 2U/yD) (/ IMINRIS)

Bit (5) 42- DREAN DF MARM 250 (C Brester) 11 Lode 9-7. 91

60: (2) 504- MIRMAN CONDIEST 204 RS 5x8) / Bittong 9-8. M Hits 85

60: (3) 404- REGAL PATRICL 34 /2 Subset) M States 8-12. J Reid 98

605 (1) 404- REGAL PATRICL 34 /2 Subset) M States 8-12. J Reid 98

605 (1) 205- JALYSSON FALLS 275 (C Street) I Existing 8-7. M Brits 91

606 (4) 60-0 REGAL REPRINANCE 29 (Voice Group 8 Mrs D Streets) G Loves 8-0 J Dunna 69

607 (7) 658-5 SAADED 24 (Lost Suppleme) J Wight, 7-11 L Champack 92

BETTRIS 5-4 Dustri DI Murrill 3-1 Aprila 4-1 Regal Patriol, 6-1 Sharted, 8-1 Norman Compact, 12-1 Jackson Falls 30-1 Regal Reprinted 1996: FAATEO 9-1 49 Carton (11-4 ton J Duellop 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

DREAM OF RUPBHT 27:1 2nd of 9 to Mustlep in maden at Woherframpton (71, AV) Aug 95, MOR-MAN CONCUEST 9%1 4m of 72 to Yorksher in maden at Satistrary 11m, good to 201) Oct 95 to Brave Montgometre in Air madden (71, good to 5m) JACKSDN FALLS 5%1 4m of 7 to Brave Montgometre in Air madden (71, good to 5m) Sep 96, SHADED 741 5th of 18 to Fraedom Chancer in Notlinghem handlesp (1m, good to 5m) Sep 96. SHADED 741 5th of 18 to Fraedom Chancer in Notlinghem handlesp (1m, good to 5m) Sep 96. SHADED 741 5th of 18 to Fraedom Chancer in Notlinghem handlesp (1m, good to 5m) September SHADED (nap)

TRAINERS

COURSE SPECIALISTS

R Price J Red Pat Eddery M Facility M Halls D R McCaline 32 625 15 367 44 205 36 100 41 195 26 192 1 Drugo P Fogs J Walls D Morley 1 Salding

Rome objective

IVAN LUIS, trained by Michael Bell, tackles the Italian Derby on May 25 after his success in the Hondeghern Conditions Stakes at Catterick yesterday. Four years ago, White Muzzle, also carrying the colours of Luciano Gaucci, won the same race



PERTH THUNDERER 2.00 Master Kit. 2.30 Young Kenny. 3.00 Grouse-N-Heather. 3.30 Eden Dancer. 4.00 Tidebrook. 4.30 Carl Evans: 2.00 Ensign Ewart.

GOING: GOOD

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A CONTRACTOR STATE

2.00 PERTH HURT BALMAKELLY CHALLENGE CUP HUNTERS CHASE (Arraleurs: 52.388; 3m) (14 runners)

UNITERS CHASE (Amaleurs £2.388: 3m) (14 futners)

1 2211 DEMM BLOE 23 (£0.5) Macs P Robom & 1.28 Mass P Roboms (5) 78

2 4221 ACROSS THE CAND 28P £0.5 C Roussin 9-12-5 M Braditume (7) 91

2714 DAMP DAMP (7 (BD) £0) £0.5 M Samesin 9-12-5 M Braditume (7) 99

4 FP-4 DEFECT 49 (D.5.5) T Ecorps 14-12-5 M Samesin 15-17-8 M Samesin (7) 85

5 3312 HOWAMMAN 21 (D.5.5) K Adversor 7-12-5 M Samesin (7) 95

6 FLF MASTER (11 43 (C.F.B.S.) & Bidings & 12-5 4 M Samesin (7) 95

7 3331 ADMSSION 11 FG files S HOWAM Falter (7-12-4) M S Routly (7) 83

9 40-48 DOWN HANDY MANU 28P (D.G. Mc. Pelor 15-12-4) M S Routly (7) 73

10 -272 SISSEM FWART 17 RB £5, C Storay 6-12-9 M S C Storay (6) 61

11 ZAUR FETH AMADOMENT 45 (D.D. £6.5) C Alamer (2-12-4) A Rober (7) 94

13 -PO3 RUSTY BLADE 31 (C.D. £6.5) A Month 8-12-0 M A Rober (7) 94

14 OLS THANK U. SM 11 P £5) Ms G Sember 9-12-0 M Mas C Laction (7) 94

10 DEMB RISE 4-1 MERCHANIC FOR MASS FIRE ALL FOR MASS (7) 140 C THANK U. SM 11 P £5) Ms G Sember 9-12-0 M M C. Laction (7) 94

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3-1 Desum Blue. 4-1 Honograms, 6-1 Masser NIL 7-1 Eleagn Event, 6-1 others. 2.30 NELSON MORRISON UNDERWRITING AGENCY LTD FUTURE CHAMPIONS NATIONAL HUNT HOYICES HURDLE (£4,695, 3m 110yd) (13)

3.00 RM C CATHERWOOD LITTLE BAY

HANDICAP CHASE (£6,721: 2m) (6) 6-4 Magnesia, 7-2 Neitherby Sand, Political Tower, 6-1 Groups-M-Healths, 7-1 others.

3.30 MURRAYSHALL HOTEL SELLING HURBLE (£2,906 2m 110yd) (21)

(22,906 2m 110yd) (21)

1 3300 EDEN DANCER 135 (CD.F) Mrs. M Rivoley 5-12-0. P Romin 97
2 3301 GOING PUBLIC 77 (D.F.G) P Conestional 10-12-8 A 5 Smith 17
3 340P 7 ASSRIEET 125 (B.CD.F.S) P Conestional 10-12-8 A 5 Smith 17
3 340P 7 ASSRIEET 125 (B.CD.F.S) J Binder 7-12-0. M Malabrary — 4 30°C MAGRIES LAD 981 (F) P Carber 9-11-7
5 2448 BORNOS 139 (F) E Marin 1-11-7
6 P300 ANLACE 7 (V.D.F.G) 5 Medio 8-11-2
6 D300 ANLACE 7 (V.D.F.G) 5 Medio 8-11-2
7 1-300 MROVELY MERICAL 34 F) Binder 5-11-0
8 GALLOCHAR LIMN 1005F C Parier 5-11-0
9 GP00 DARK MEDINERT 128 D Lamb 8-11-0
9 GP00 DARK MEDINERT 128 D Lamb 8-11-0
10 569- MEDINE PUBLIS SS F Mrs. I Shalke 5-11-0
11 PFR HRIE PUBLIS 25 J Behed 6-11-0
12 COOD SECONAS ANNY 24F J Golds 6-11-0
13 COOSP VARIORIO H.LD 24 M Bollon 8-11-0
14 SSUD BLL S PIDE 2 P Morresh 8-10-9
15 -3PB CHARLESTIONN 134 J Dodds 5-10-9
16 -006 CORNEE LEATHART 24 Ms L Pracet 6-10-9
17 P DARLICHA 14 J Paulion 5-10-9
18 BORD DE-VEERS CURRIE 23 D Morban 5-10-9
19 SPPD SANOTEUSE 26 (S) J Poulion 5-10-9
19 DARLICHA 14 J Paulion 5-10-9
19 DARLICHA 14 SSUS J Jedlisson 6-10-9
20 P64 SIJECLIA 5357 J Jedlisson 6-10-9
21 D VOURG SCHIEF 27 J Adam 5-10-9
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23 L Belso Dancet, 7-2 Notices, 8-1 Anlaco. 10-1 Gomp Public, Charlesional. (3-1)

3-1 Eden Dancel, 7-2 Norses, 8-1 Aniacs, 10-1 Going Public, Charlettons. 13-1 Tashreel, Monkey Wonch, 18-1 other: 4.00 TOTE CREDIT MAIDEN CHASE (£3,655: 3m) (11)

B-4 Minnon, 7-2 Tutebrook, 5-1 Saton Mond 7-1 Newshypokiny, 8-1 other: 4.30 NELSON MORRISON HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,648. 2m 4l 110yd) (13)

(£3,648. 2m 41 10yd) (73)

1 11-2 LMA, ATHEN 40 (D,BF,G,S) Mit: M Revoley 7-11-10 P Notes 90
2 307 AMB, MH 7 (27,6) P Hobbs 5-11-13 (6e) 6 Tourney 94
4 1541 MRSTER ROSS 34 (F,S.) Johnson 7-11-5. F Carberry 95
5 6520 SLATION 47 (C,BF,E) 6 Richards 5-11-5 F Carberry 96
6 MS. FARR AND FAMICY 226 (6.5) Max M Milliogn 6-51-4 A S 5-milli 99
7 -454 CHEPED 017 28 (8) M Tournards 7-11-3 C McCoronach 77) 86
8 1521 SYMAIAM JOHNNY 26 (8) LJ TONEN 6-11-2 F Moderatio 79
10 PO-MOREOF A GURNER 467 (0.5) L Jellerson 7-10-1 L Wyer 90
10 PO-MOREOF A GURNER 467 (0.5) L Jellerson 7-10-7 L Phore 95
11 6445 MMSTER OF ROY 17 (0.0) F, SI C Palage 9-10-7 D Parker 95
12 2153 DANSYS GORSE 24 (0.5) L Jellerson 5-10-7 E Carberta (3) 91
13 2122 BOURDONNER 25 (0.0) F, M Hatterns 5-10-4 M C Bound (3) 91 9.4 Milyer Rices, 4-1 Linkstrem, 5-1 Armstat, 6-1 Boundament 7-1 Fee Testion, 8-1 Thursday Night, 10-1 Dardrys Gorse 12-1 others

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Penth: 230 Persian Grange 400 Royal Banker

FONTWELL PARK

1 6210 GALATASOR JANE 49 (D.F) P Michiel 7-11-7 L Committee (7)
2 6142 DRIM BATTLE S1 (P) W 6 IN Torne 5-11-6 J Power (7)
3 4FP2 COUNTRY KEEPER 28 Rigal 9-11-0 ... G Union
4 0PP0 HOMEST DAVE 95 0 Pears 7-11-0 ... K Guile
5 0P53 NORPICE SPREE 26 (V) 6 L Moore 5-11-0 ... P Holley
6 0F PTLARRY 45 0 GESCH 7-11-0 ... A Kinarragh
7 00-P SOLDIER-8 7 R Core; 7-11-0 ... A Kinarragh
8 655P ENGRI BOLD 14F (B) 9 Consequence-Power 4-10-7 D Statemy (7) 9-4 Galaticari Jane, 5-2 Drum Battle, 11-4 Mondic Soret, 7-1 others.

2.50 RAPIDE MORTGAGE SERVICES MOVICES CHASE (£3,059, 3m 2l 110yd) (3) 1 2212 DECYRORIG 9 (F) M Pipe 6-12-0 2 462P NEEP IT ZEPPED 66 (B,CD,F,G,S) D Shewood 7-11-8 3 8202 GARDNAN, GAYLE 36 R Alber 7-11-2

COURSE SPECIALISTS

2.20 RAPIDE MIDRITGAGE SERVICES AND FINUAR MOVICES HURDLE (\$2,364: 2m 6f 110yd) (8 runners)

3.20 STREBEL BOILERS AND RADIATORS HANDIGAP HURDLE SERIES (Qualitier, 52,322: 2m 6t 110vd) (4)

1 6115 BORRE 10 PLEASE 9 (F) P Hobbs 5-11-10 . MF A Firegrand 2 3422 FAMILEY R VERT 31 (BF F, E, S) W 5 M Turner 8-11-5 J Prome (F) 3 0862 S (CID) MASSILE 24 (F, B) J Prome 6-11-5 R Gent 4 5550 ADM OV 12 J Shrilger 5-10-6 L Asseel (3) 6-4 Famley Flyes, 7-4 Bern To Pileage 7-2 Soud Missele 10-1 Addise

PERTIX Trainings: S Idellot, 4 natures from 7 natures, 57 1%, P Hobbs, 11 Inne 22, 50 0%, Idea Id Revoley, 22 from 54, 40 7%, K Bakey, 12 Inne 33, 36 6%, P Beaument, 7 from 23, 30 4%, Id Harmont 20 Inne 85, 23.5% Juckeys Chris Heldt, 4 natures Francis G Ludes, 66 7%, G Tarmey, 3 Inne 6, 50 0%, P Nove, 25 Inne 82, 30.5%, R Garrity, 8 Inne 39, 20 5%, P Carill, 6 Iom 33, 18 7%.

THUNDERER 2.20 Galateson Jane. 2.50 Keep It Zipped. 3.20 Fawley Flyer. 3.50 Uluru.4.20 Toomuch Toosoon. 4.50 He Knows The Rules.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

FONTWELL PARIC Transfer P. Mediath. 9 amours, from 25 minors, 36 t/%, P. Alma, 13 Junt 46, 28.3%, M. Pipe, 19 Door 70, 27.7%, O. Surrecott 4 from 17, 27.5%, P. Hobbs, 12 from 53, 22.6%, R. Buchte, 12 from 54, 22.2%, Joucheys, P. Houley, G. Guades, Surrect born 23 ordes, 25.5%, J. Laldoy, 5 from 21, 22.8%, G. Mandie, 5 from 29, 17.9%, D. Mouss, 15 from 50, 16.2%, M. Richards, 10 born 76, 13.2%, D. O. Saffman, 13 from 104, 12.5%.

3.50 RAPIDE MORTBAGE SERVICES & CORNHALL LIFE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,655: 3m 3f) (8)

5-4 Peryong, 6-4 nees & Zyped, 7-2 Cardinal Gayle

Big-race details Punchestown

Going: good 2.40 Cm 41 Indiel 1, Istubraq (C Swart 4-11 fant 2, Soldaf (13-2); 2, Borro Bow (16-1); 8 ran 9, 21 A P O'Brean Tole £1.50; £1.40, £1.70, £2.80 DF: £4.20 CSF £3.82 E1 70, £2 80 DF: £4.20 CSF £3 82 3 15 (2m 1) chy 1, Noyam (N Wilsonson, 13-2); 2, Bottolyo £20-1), 3, Whoodwile Star (7-1), 4, Tell The Napore (12-1); Paylon 4-1 Ian 16; ren 151, 61 R Fairey at Maton Tobe £6 60; Paylon 4-1 Ian 16; £3 10 DF £161 90 Trio £860 90 CSF; £125 89 Treast £987 00 2.46 (2m hote) 1, Lady Dashy (A O Shea, 12-1); 2, Sharker (5-2 Ian), 3, 3 Space Trucker (5-1); 10 son 41, 44 A Midlins Tote; £27 90, £4 50, £1 80, £2 40 DF £62 60 Trio; £277 50 CSF £44 22 Tricast, £168 87

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

COSOM
George good (good to farm in pleases)
205 (8) 1. LORD CLMIER (L. Dehort, 13-2);
2 Seiburstpark Flyer (P Roberts, 5-1 M-Jan);
3. Titer (J Weather, 8-1), ALSO RAN 5 (k-Jan);
3. Titer (J Weather, 8-1), ALSO RAN 5 (k-Jan);
3. Titer (J Weather, 8-1), ALSO RAN 5 (k-Jan);
3. Titer (J Weather, 8-1), ALSO RAN 5 (k-Jan);
4. Watch The Fire, 14 M-Jan, 15 (k-Jan);
4. Watch The Fire, 15 (k-Jan);
5. La O CF. 212.10 Top 29.10 CSF:
234 18. Titeset 2242.78.
235 (tim 21 18yd) 1, MAJOR CHANGE (K-Ration, 11-1);
2. Clash, 10-1);
3. Berhandour (J Raid, 5-1);
4. Clash, 10-1);
3. Berhandour (J Raid, 5-1);
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6. Clash, 10-1);
5. Berhandour (J Raid, 5-1);
6. Clash, 10-1);
6. Clash, 10-1);
6. Clash (Str), 14 Sowel Bride,
5. Berhandour (J Raid, 5-1);
6. Clash, 10-1);
6. Clash (Str), 14 Sowel Bride,
5. Clash, 10-1);
6. Clash (Str), 14 Sowel Bride,
6. Clash (Str), 14 Sowel Bride,
6. Clash (Str), 14 Sowel Bride,
6. Clash (Str), 15 Sowel Bride,
6. Clash (Str), 15 Sowel Bride,
6. Clash (Str), 16 Sowel Bride,
6. Clash (Str), 16 Sowel Bride,
6. Clash (Str), 16 Sowel Bride,
6. Clash (Str), 20 Cropper (J Raid, 2-1);
6. Clash (Str), 21 Sowel (J Red, 2-1);
6. Clash (Str), 21 Sowel (J Red, 2-1);
6. Clash (Str), 22 Sow Going: good (good to famt in places)

J bunkop at Arundel Tote: £1 60 DF £1.20 CSF £1.86 J During al Arunder Tole: 1740 of CSP CT.85

3.40 (Im 41 10yd) 1. PRINCE KINSKY (D. Harrson, 33-1), 2. Liggeri Swift (W. J. O'Conhor, 16-1): 3. Artic Courser (M. Rimmer, 14-1): 4. Pike Creek II. Denon B-1) ALSO RAN 9-2 lay Hazer do Guess, 7. White Peans, 10 Shraing Dancex, 11 Wald Rita (6th), 12 General Haven, Northerm Sun, 14 Newport Kinght, 16 Charlson Island, 20 Frezen Sea, Outsleyed Wescome, Verdan, 25 Palamon, 33 Gaide Path, Worth N. Fu. 50. Cedez Le Peassage (6th), 19 yan 1 kel hu, 11, hd, nk, J Old al Wroughlon Tote, 250 30. SB 10, e7 10, 12-70, 52-20 DF 5552 80. The 15-568 30 (par worn Pool of 51-988 01 carried Interest 10, 41 to Beverley today) CSF, 6430 16. Theast, 16,878 62.

4.40 (1m 114yd) 1, LA MODISTE (Fallon, 7-1), 2, Purchasing Power (Pat Eddery, 100-30 (av); 3, Master M-E-N (V Statiery, 12-1) ALSO RAN, 9 2 First Chance, 7 Hoh Piyer, 9 Bailango Of Power, Proyet Mank, 10 Large Boy (5th), Purntsustlous, 12 Large Barcer, Sooly Tem (4th), 25 Righty Ho, 33 Large Bay (6th) 1, 3 In NR, Mote With Large Ray (6th) 1, 3 In NR, Mote With Dancer, Sooty (Sith) 13 ran NR Move With Laguna Bay (Sith) 13 ran NR Move With Edes 19-1, 29-1, nk, nk, 19-1 Miss G Kokway at Whitcombe Tote 112 50, 24 10, 21 60, 24 00 DF 222 40 Teo 1200 20 CSF \$31 39

Jackpot not won (pool of C3,919.35 carried forward to Beverley fodey). Placepor. £341.40. Quedpot: £43.80. Catterick Bridge Going: good (good to first in places.)

3.00 (Im 3 214/d) 1. Balpoint (A Cultone, 14-1), 2. Hasto La Visto (\$42 g-tay), 3. Tessajoe (\$-1) Summorthi Speciel \$-2 g-tay 10 tan 40 tan 40 tan 40 tan 40 tan 40 tan 50 3.30 (m.3) 214yd. 1, hear Luss (M. Roberts 6-4* Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap. 2 Hoppy Minuted (6-1), 3, Nathat 15-6 (ed.) 3 ran 51, 51 M Boll Tote £2.70 Df £4,70 CSF £6.97 14.70 CSP 10.57 4,00 (SP) , Brutal Fantasy (R Lappin, 9-4 lan), 2, Bethymoto (6-1), 3, Tinker's Surpre-(14-1), 10 ran Strhd, 41 Jeye Tole (22.50, 12.50, 12.50, 12.50 DF 10.70, Thor-(117.90 CSF 115.17 Tucasi (147.54)

Perth Gaing: good 2.20 (2m 41 10)(d hdfe) 1, Panilanda Phyar (P Carborn, 7-4 law), 2, Menaldi (12-1, 3, Saxon Mead (11-2) 12 mm 9, 61 J Johnson Yote (2:60, 61-40, 62:80 £1 40 DF, £17-60 Tno £16-70 CSF; £20-27

2.50 (2m 110)d hallo 1, Taventi (R Ganity, 7-1); 2, Bold Stalement (3-1 tay; 3, Suandale Piyer (14-1) 17 ran NR Pinne E-ample 1-41, 1/3 M Hermmond Tole 25.50, cr 70, cr 70, cr 290, OP 35.40 Tro. Cr 70, cr 24, 33

9.2 lav 16 rat. AP Who's That Man 2%, 51 B Hills Tole, £1680, £210, £280, £340, £160 DF £58,50 Tno £274,00 £5F £109 M. Treast, £1,128,73 3.50 (2m 110yo heley 1. Amilah (B Powet, 5-1); 2, Durano (100-30 km1 3, Rachael s Owen (20-1) 10 ran 21, hd P Hobbs 104e; 600, £130, £170, £240 DF. Tidos 114140 CSF £19 B1 Tidosat, £272 57. 4.20 2m 4f 110yd chi 1, Acejou III (P Carberry, 11-2), 2, Nicholas Plant (7-4 lav) 3, Seod Rioga (5-2) 6 rah, 5l, 21l G Righards, Tote 26.70, 23.00, 51.10 DF £12 00 CSF £13 95 £12 00 CSF £13 95
4.50 [am 110yd hdle) 1, Peggy Gordon
0.8ss P Roberon, 25-1]; 2, Grosvenor (8-1),
3, Country Store (16-1); 4, Vation; Dash
(12-1) Enchanted Codings 5-1 lar 20 ran,
NR idlorknot/orpeanute 3-9, 4l Mrs D
Thomson Toke £23 40, £3 30, £2 60,
£5 30, £3 10 DF £51 20, Troc not won
CSF £209 37 Titlesd £3,081 50
Est £209 37 Titlesd £3,081 50

5.20 Care 41 100ct bellet 1. Royal York (P Carbony, 11-10 lan). 2. Britche (10-11, 3. Beau Matelor (8-1) 11 ran MR The Road West 1% 17 G Richards Tote 52 10; 51 30, 52 80, 52 00 DF 66 60 Thor 53 70. CSF 512 01.

before triumphing in Rome.

CSF. £430 16. Theast £6.873 62
4.10 (Im 174yd) 1 SUPPLY AND DEMAND (F. Fallon, 2-1 (H-Jav), 2 (Binab (T.
Curn), 2-1 (H-Jav), 3, Seathe Swing (I.
Dehoti, 5-1) ALSO RAN 5 The Negotiator
(Shi), 25 Midnight Romance (6th), Spoulds
(36 Graedus Imp. 40 Honeyshan 59 Sasten
Bay (4th), Victor Blum 101an (1.23, 6.41 5)
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CRICKET: SURREY STRUGGLE TO MAKE INROADS INTO SOMERSET BATTING ON UNRESPONSIVE SURFACE

Harden enjoys slow pace of life at the Oval

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

THE OVAL (first day of four: Somerset won toss): Somerset have made 311 for five wickets against Surrey

IN THE brave new world of English cricket, Surrey have long since regarded themselves as the bravest of all. This season, they will be known on Sundays as Surrey Lions (well, south London is a bit of a jungle) and, to set the tone. Chris Lewis stares out with improbable ferocity from a promotional poster. Their aim, apparently, is to bring some "fun" back to one-day cricket, which is rather like putting sugar in syrup to improve the taste.

Off the field there are also changes. The club has exchanged its famous chocolateand-silver blazer for one of those striped things that could belong to almost any club in the world. "It was good enough for Jack Hobbs," a former player said yesterday. leaving the rest unsaid. Tradition, we know, means little to the modern commercial mind. but, in the rush to shape the future, cricket is in danger of neglecting aspects of the past

worthy of greater respect. Adam Hollioake, leading Surrey for the first time as the club captain, lost a toss that he would have preferred to have won and, after leaving out his younger brother, Ben. the bowlers found a slow pitch unresponsive. Indeed, it was odd to see Stewart standing so far back for much of the day. Only Tudor got the ball to go through regularly with decent

Surrey used no fewer than him such a good player to

eight bowlers, and none of them will be entirely happy with their day's work. Salisbury took his first wicket for them when his top-spinner baffled Lathwell but he still gives the batsmen too many hits. Lewis interspersed some good balls with some bad ones. As usual, he did not much bother where his feet landed and so a long day brought 69 extras. Last year. in the fixture between these teams at Taunton, Surrey conceded 79 extras in Somer-

set's first innings of 558. Benjamin, who limped off with a calf strain after pulling up in his seventh over, can be largely excused. He might have had Lathwell caught at third slip before he went off

Scoreboards

but Butcher raised his hands too slowly to take a ball that was, to be fair, travelling fairly quickly. Some might argue that it was not much of a chance at all but Mark Waugh has held ones like that, and that is the level Butcher aspires to reach. Closer to home. Nick Knight has snaffled a

It was good to see Lathwell playing freely again in that bottom-handed way, although he appeared to be bringing his bat down straighter. He found the boundary nine times in his fifty, most pleasingly with a cover drive that brought up his half-century, and Somerset will be all the better if he can recapture the form that made watch four years ago, when Dermot Reeve, the new Somerset coach, has a major job to do here and does not lack initiative. Bowler's half-century was a more sedate affair. He made 207 in the match last year, the best score by a Somerset player against Surrey, and he seemed intent on matching it.

Just before tea, after he had

completed a century stand

with Harden, Tudor nipped

one back into him and he was convincingly leg-before. The rest of the day belonged to Harden in all his pomp. On and on he went in that prosaic way, determined to see Somerset through to a formidable first-innings score. Watching him bat is like a rural ride in Lincolnshire, without the churches. There are few interesting features. The landscape

wind-picked sky is heavy with dark clouds. He was accompanied towards the close by Holloway and Burns, two of the three wicketkeepers in the Somerset team. Perhaps they will take it in turns to keep at different ends, while the third acts as long stop. Now that really would bring some fun to the

seems to go on for ever and the

□ Surrey have appointed Keith Medlycott as their assistant coach. He replaces Tony Pigott, who left the county last month. Medlycott, 31, whose playing career with Surrey ended in 1992, took 357 firstclass wickets with his left-arm spin and scored 3,684 runs. During the winter he was



Tudor managed to extract pace and bounce from a slow pitch at the Oval yesterday

Warwickshire, Russell forced on forced on to the back foot

By JOHN THICKNESSE

CARDIFF (first day of four: morgan, with nine first-innings wickers in nand, are 44 runs ahead of Warwickshire

NEITHER with bat nor ball at Cardiff did Warwickshire display the potential that has persuaded bookmakers to make them favourites for the county championship. Winning what in hindsight looks to have been an unlucky toss, they were bowled out 20 minutes after lunch for 151. Glamorgan ended a sunny day seemingly all but impregnably placed at 195 for one, Hugh Morris and Steve James keeping out Allan Donald with notably little trouble until James was bowled by him after an opening stand of 190.

Already short of the Eng-land opener. Nick Knight, who is nursing the left index finger he broke in New Zealand, Warwickshire suffered another casualty before the start when Tim Munton, their captain, ruled himself out after testing his back strain during training. Had he been fit. he might have taken a different view of the pitch from the acting captain, Andy Moles, and availed himself of the assistance that Steve Watkin and Darren Thomas made such good use of for

With a month's batting behind them, Warwickshire might have backed themselves to treble the modest score, because the pitch was never treacherous. Varying in pace berween one end and the other, however, and offering bowlers from the Cathedral Road end encouragingly lively bounce before lunch, it posed enough problems for out-ofpractice batsmen to need their wits about them. Watkin, 6ft 3in, who after a few overs located the ideal length from which to make the odd ball kick, was not flattered by his figures, while only a loose last over of his second spell, which cost 16, took the edge off

Thomas's. From the relative ease with which Ostler handled Watkin's bounce, his might have been the crucia the quick loss of Moles and Wasim Khan. Shaping to turn Croft into the leg-side, Ostler was deceived either by change of pace or by lack of turn, the England off-spinner making good ground to take a plunging caught and bowled

halfway down the pitch. Ostler had 35 minutes of Watkin, and by waiting until the last moment to decide whether to play the ball or shoulder arms, was never drawn into a stroke against the lifting ball. Piper fell to one from a fend-off, to make it 43 for five. But Penney was the recipient of the day's only really vicious ball, a flyer off a length from Thomas, when he was switched to Watkin's end, which clipped the outside edge as it exploded past his eyebrows.

One or two early-season strokes were played, the most aggravating by the lefthander, David Hemp, who after six seasons with Glamorgan was making his Warwickshire debut. Within moments of driving Thomas for a perfect four through extra cover, he was caught in two minds by Croft's first ball, and patted back a gentle caught and bowled

While Watkin and Thomas were making the ball lift. occupation had its hazards, Smith, deciding attack was the best form of defence, made 36 off 39 balls, hitting five fours and a big straight six off Croft; and though he marred the innings with his final stroke, it was his example Giles and Donald followed in adding 51



Thomas: bowled well

in 35 minutes for the ninth wicket. Warwickshire's high-

Gatting wa

est of the innings. There were only a handful of moments in Glamorgan's earlier stages when James or Morris looked in difficulties.

In Donald's third over James brought off an expert knock-down from armpit height, keeping the ball well clear of Khan, and in his fifth, Morris, at 17, survived a fast right in the gully. But generally the ball was going at pace off the middle of the bat.

With Morris setting the pace initially, before being tied down by Giles, the slow lefthander, in his fifties, the 100 stand came in 29 overs, and by the 47th Glamorgan were ahead. If Warwickshire had taken a wicket for every 50 times they shouted encouragement to a bowler, they would already be deep into Glamorgan's second innings. As the game stood overnight, however, there is a fair chance the home side might not need one.

Hostile Malcolm quick to make England case



Malcolm: six wickets

CANTERBURY (first day of four, Kent won toss): Derbyshire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 216 runs hehind Kent

IF, AS David Graveney says, everybody is under consideration for an England place this summer, and that runs and wickets will be the criterion, then Devon Malcolm could soon be renewing his acquaintance with the Australians.

Malcoim, whose Test career seemed to be over when he fell out publicly and bitterly with Raymond Illingworth in South Africa the winter before last, simply carried on where he left off last summer by

taking six for 74 yesterday, and then Martin McCague, and Graveney, Illingworth's successor as chairman of selectors, was there to see it.

He must have been impressed. On a bitch that wa no quicker than one would expect at this time of year. Malcolm, 34 now but looking as fit as he has ever done. bowled with genuine pace and hostility. Not only that, he also bowled with a control that has often seemed beyond him.

His performance gave Derbyshire first blood in an intriguing contest between the counties that finished second and fourth last season, but Kent did not take it lying down. Alan Ealham and Steve Marsh gave their total a measure of respectability with a seventh-wicket stand of 94

another of England's lorgotten fast bowlers, took three quick wickers as Derbyshire were reduced to 35 for four.

gun with an incident the like of which no one on the old St Lawrence ground could remember seeing before. Derbyshire took the field with a player - Kevin Dean, the left-arm seamer who was not in the team that Dean Jones, their captain, had exchanged with his opposite number, Marsh, and when Jones put him on to bowl the sixth over, Stuart Anderson, the Kent secretary, marched out to the middle to protest.

He was soon joined by Marsh and there was a long delay while captains and um-pires discussed the situation.

who finished off Kent just Eventually play resumed with Anderson explaining: "The options seem to be either to start the game again with the right Marsh, who still seemed to team or for us to accept, in the

interests of cricket, that it was a genuine mistake." That is what they did, although it would have been interesting had it been Dean and not Malcolm who promptly began to make inroads into the Kent batting. Liong was yorked and Ward bowled before Cork got into the act by having Fulton caught behind for a stubborn

DeFreitas looked far more of an England bowler in taking three cheap wickets, including that of Wells, who played resolutely in his first innings since his move from Sussex, but it was Malcolm when Ealham and Marsh were beginning to take the

be smouldering over the early er incident, hit nine fours, three of them in one over off and Ealham did his chances of an England recall no harm by striking 11 fours in his 72 before he ran out of partners. Then it was McCague's

turn. Anything Malcolm could do, it seemed, he could do just as well as he removed Rollins. Adams and Barnett at a personal cost of 14. Headley joined in with the wicket of Jones and by the close only one thing seemed certain: that the match would not go the such in the over after Ostler's dismissal, caught at short leg



Sussex cheer

BY SIMON WILDE

HOVE (first day of four; Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire have scored 288 for nine wickets against Sussex

THIS was the day the jokes about Sussex's futile season stopped and the county's husk of a team took to the field. As was liable to be the case, the players had the first laugh, bowling and fielding their hearts out. When one of your few remaining assets is your enthusiasm, you might as well show it. Whether it can withstand a hard summer is another matter.

Much to the delight of their deckchaired supporters, none of whom looked as though they had been involved in a revolution lately, they had claimed their first bonus point by 12.22pm. By then, they had curdled the cream of Northamptonshire's batting — Loye, Bailey and Curran all leg-before — and every time the visitors threatened a substantial recovery. Sussex's willing workhorses fought back.

The best of the bowlers was extraordinarily — Mark Robinson, who was salvaged from another season of league cricket with Hull to bolster Sussex's dwindling seam bowling resources and would not have got a game but for an

injury to James Kirtley. The prospect of seeing the promising Kirtley had brought John Barclay, a member of England's management advisory committee, to the ground. In the event, he watched one of county cricket's confirmed journeymen take five for 71 from 28 overs on his debut for his third club. Three of the wickets came in

nine balls during his final

gained pace since last playing for Yorkshire two years ago --Moores stood up to him all day — but his probing offstump line was more than enough for Northampton-shire, the county with whom he started his career. Another former Yorkshire bowler, Jarvis, took three for 51.

This pair was ably supported by the inexperienced Keith Newell, Amer Khan and Phillips. Khan, a signing from Middlesex, is attempting to fill lan Salisbury's shoes and though he does not turn the ball as extravagantly as England's leading leg-spinner, he rarely strayed from line and got one or two deliveries to really bite. In one pre-season match he took five wickets.

Newell, for his part, may become one of the chief beneficiaries of Sussex's bloodletting. An all-rounder of 25, his opportunities have been limited but he spent the winter working hard on his game and can now move the ball either way. He took the second wicket of his first-class career when a sharp off-cutter had Warren caught at slip.

Unfortunately for Sussex, their fate in this match may have been largely sealed by the toss, which they lost. Rob Bailey, the Northamptonshire captain, took one look at the driest pitch he has seen at this time of the year and left out Boswell to accommodate a second spinner, John Emburey. Half-centuries from Montgomerie and Capel and 43 from Penberthy may have already given him enough runs to play with.

Robinson brings | Hampshire waste Connor's haul

BY IVO TENNANT

CHELMSFORD (first day of four: Hampshire won toss): Hampshire, with three firstinnings wickets in hand, are 143 runs behind Essex

ANOTHER season of fourday cricket, another three-day match. Or, quite conceivably, a finish by the second evening. Seventeen wickets fell at Chelmsford yesterday, some to decent fast-medium bowling and others to the conditions. Essex were dismissed, mainly by Cardigan Connor. for 245, wherupon Hampshire, far from consolidating, had to concern themselves with avoiding the follow-on.

They had struggled to 103 for seven by the close. Cowan taking four of their wickets. Some grass had been left on the pitch and the ball swung intermittently, which was all too much at this stage of the season. Especially, that was, for Hampshire, who are without Robin Smith, who has Achilles' tendon trouble.

It is 14 seasons now since Connor first played for Hampshire. He was not capped until 1988 and is now in his benefit season. Indeed, he is the quintessential beneficiary. Rather than concentrating on his fundraising events - it is not being unkind to say he would not be on until first change in most county sides - Connor was given the new ball and bowled Essex out in three spells. He finished with

seven for 46. As well as a grassy pitch, there was some cloud cover. Even so, to give first innings to a side whose first four included Gooch, Hussain and Stuart Law was a bold decision by Stephenson, whose

seam attack could not remotely be described as strong. Gooch, having completed

respectable 3hr 53min in preparation for his 25th season of first-class cricket, was beaten by one that cut back into him. So, too, was Prichard, whose 65 was the leading score. The other five wickets that Connor took had more to do with the failings of the bats-180 for three, but then Irani

and Robinson both went to Connor, the former caught in the covers off a leading edge and the latter edging an intended square drive. There were few contributions from the tail and a total of 246 seemed far from enough. Until Hampshire batted that was. Cowan, whose winter was spent playing club cricket in South Africa, bowled with the fervour that

for the England A party. He had Laney and Keech taken in the slips, Gooch holding a notably sharp catch above his head, and was fortunate enough to remove Hayden with a long hop. Looking to swing to leg, the

Australian edged to Hyam, who was standing in for the injured Rollins. Stephenson and James went to Irani and Danny Law gained his first wicket for his new county when Kendall missed an attempted drive through mid-A fourth day is not likely to

be required. And since this is a Saturday, will be enough to make Peter Edwards, the Essex general manager, lach-

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CRICKET: FORMER ENGLAND WICKETKEEPER HELPS TO TRANSFORM GLOUCESTERSHIRE INNINGS

Russell rewrites champions' first page

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

LEICESTER (first day of four; huddles were being performed Gloucestershire won toss): Leicestershire, with seven first-lanings wickets in hand, are 146 runs behind Gloucester-

THE champions paraded their pennant before play, the car park filled up with unusual speed and the Grace Road pitch was demanding enough to unseat five visiting batsmen before lunch. It was business as usual, 1996 style, for Leicestershire, until Jack Russell came along to spoil the reunion atmosphere.

It has been a chastening few months for Russell. His England place has gone, possibly for good, and his rejection of the Gloucestershire captaincy was sensitive and contentious. His hunger for the game, however, remains strong, and the sight of David Lloyd, the England coach, on the ground will have acted as extra motivation.

The upshot was a transformation, possibly helped by overhead conditions. This is a well-ordered club and no sooner had the bacon butty seller made way for the icecream van than the sun burst through. Its effect, however, was to sedate the pitch and, with the Leicestershire seamers pitching unwisely short, Russell and Shaun Young pulled and clubbed their way to a sixth-wicket stand of 112 in

29 overs. An eventual total of 245 was probably below par for this course but far more than had seemed likely at 84 for five. Hereabouts, indeed, the essentially Leicester mix of flat caps and grey anoraks was a contented gathering, the defence of the title regarded by some as little more than a formality. Their team was in

with reassuring frequency. Alan Mullally, who has plenty to do to convince Lloyd, among others, that he is worth recalling to the Test side, took three of the first four wickets and finished with five for 52 He bowled within himself, understandably for one who had been unwell with a skin complaint for the past week, but his height, angle and hostility will always be potent at this level.

David Millns bowled some distinctly quick balls, and this pair will remain a threat to all. but the back-up bowling looks thin, James Ormond, 19, is laudably being given his chance ahead of Gordon Parsons, a generation older, but the man most obviously missed is Phil Simmons, whose seamers claimed 56 championship wickets at 18 runs apiece last year.

Simmons may yet be back. for Leicestershire's plan to register the South African allrounder, Neil Johnson, has been stalled by work permit obstacles. The view of Jack Birkenshaw, the coach, is that if they must wait several weeks for the uncertain assets of Johnson, they would be as well waiting a few weeks longer for the proven worth of Simmons. Whatever the decision, it is yet more evidence the overseas player system is now unworkable.

One focus of the day had disappeared with the exclusion of David Lawrence from the Gloucestershire side. He was on the ground, unmistakable of frame and gait, and had even received good wishes for his comeback over the public address system when it was decided that the combination of a cold day, a damp outfield and a niggling side good heart and the trademark strain made delay prudent.



Young, on bended knee, strikes a handsome off-drive in his attacking innings of 59 at Grace Road yesterday

The batch of curious photographers withdrew, disappointed, as Gloucestershire set out to show that their batting remains highly suspect. Monte Lynch, 39 next month, made 36 in his individual style but Mark Alleyne was out for nought on his first day as

captain and an embarrassing total loomed until Young. a calm and uncomplicated Australian, found a perfect foil in the idiosyncrasies of Russell. Gloucestershire's revival

huddle, a rehearsed hokeycokey. But on an evening extended by Leioestershire's dire over-rate, the strokes of the day were played by the left-hander, lain Sutcliffe. He did continued when Mike Smith's inswing struck in the third not play a single championover of the reply, greeted by ship game last season but did

enough to suggest that he will play in plenty now.

Higher honours still may await Darren Maddy, unbeat en overnight and sure to have sent the England coach home feeling that he had seen an

Lancashire assault sparked by Lloyd and Watkinson

BY DEREK HODGSON

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of four: Lancashire won toss): Lancashire have scored 491 for nine wickets against

A POLISHED 78 from Jason Gallian, following his 106 for England A against The Rest. and another machine-gun century from Graham Lloyd. came as a sharp reminder to Lancashire's senior officers of the latent power in the ranks, later confirmed by an unbroken last-wicket stand of 134. Both Gallian and Lloyd

looked in prime form, the latter now having irresistible credentials to put before his dad, and the England selectors, for a Texaco Trophy place next month. Indeed, the only shadow on Lancashire's day, a huge score coming in 99 overs, were the comparatively cheap dismissals of the established England players, Michael Atherton and John Crawley.

Old Trafford has had a £2.5 million face-lift and the nitch. too, had a new sharp look about it, offering pace and bounce. Until mid-afternoon, Durham's new supremo. David Boon, huddled at second slip, would have been reasonably satisfied. His bowlers still deliver more fourballs than most, but Lancashire, despite their audacity, could not have claimed command.

Atherton, looking as tucked up as he did for most of the winter, was caught flicking down the leg side, while Crawley reverted to his irritating habit of getting out after playing himself in before Neil Fairbrother cut the persevering Brown to gully.

Gallian decided the ship needed steadying, just as his captain must have ordered a broadside, for Lloyd opened fire from the start, and once he had been joined by Mike Watkinson, Boon might have wished himself back in a deckchair in Launceston.

The pair added 50 off 31 balls as Boon broke up his slip cordon for the first time. Watkinson lifted John Wood for two sixes to reach 51 off 23 balls: Lancashire passed 300 in the 59th over and after another live overs of assault and battery, Lloyd had reached 102 off 80 balls, with 19 fours.

Paul Collingwood checked the slaughter briefly and it appeared that Durham might be batting before the close. But Glen Chapple and Steve Martin had other ideas, lashing the ball to all parts. If Durham hoped for the relief of a declaration, Watkinson disappointed them, happy to see the score mount and the surface wear. The ball will surely turn for himself and Yates.

Curtis gives enduring reminder of staying powers

By JACK BAILEY

TRENT BRIDGE (first day of four, Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire have scored 286 for three wickets against Nortinghamshire

GRAEME HICK made only four sketchy runs before guiding a shortish ball into the hands of gully, leaving evidence of a return to England colours for another day, and it These were the only mildly extraordinary events on a day that amounted to a run-of-themili visit to the office during century in about as many

Together with Tom Moody. Reuben Spiring and Philip Weston, Curtis saw to it that Worcestershire did not fail to take advantage of a good batting pitch, although they can hardly be said to have cashed in. Runs rarely came at more than a trickle and, with Curtis playing as stolidly at the end as when he set out in the morning, it was small

The perceived wisdom is that Steve Birks, the head groundsman at Trent Bridge. under the direction of the Nottinghamshire cricket manager, is aiming for a more even balance between bat and ball. He is in his first season at the ground and appears to have left more grass than usual on the playing surface. This showed itself in the occasional steep bounce generated by Kevin Evans, that wholehearted trier, but it will be some time before a pitch of

real pace is achieved.
Until it is, fluency will be at a premium. Weston dld achieve more freedom than most, reaching 52 of the 87 raised for the first wicket. making his half-century from \$1 balls and driving with more certainty than anyone in scoring nine fours. Curtis, inhibited chiefly by a spell of medium-pace wobblers from Archer, had made only 20

from 35 overs before lunch. Spiring played nicely be-fore guiding a lifting ball into the safe hands of Pollard at slip shortly after tea. Moody. after an uncertain start, die e to stamo his author ity on the day, but Curtis went on, imperturbable and invulnetable, to the last over of the day when he finally reached his century with a typical

push for a single. Curtis had batted through out the day, had received 305 balls, had hit ten fours. Only time will tell how well Worcestershire have been served by this exhibition of monumental patience. This was his fortieth first-class hundred, so we should be well

Gatting wastes little time

BY RICHARD HORSON

FENNER'S (first day of three: a succession of short and overpitched deliveries through Middlesex won toss): Camridge University, with eight the "V". He retired hurt at tea on 160, citing a minor ham-string problem that did not first-innings wickets in hand. are 298 runs behind Middleprevent him from fielding when the students began their PETER WELLINGS showed first innings. He struck 101 in crisp strokes and a sound the second session alone and

temperament in compiling his maiden first-class hundred minutes. against a depleted Cambridge Wellings remained in the nineties during that period. when Gatting fed on the spin University attack yesterday. For much of an innings spanning 293 minutes, he was of Jim Freeth and Rob Jones as overshadowed by the belligerthough he was playing in a ence of Mike Gatting, but he benefit match. In all, he struck two sixes and 23 fours. With wisely declined to attempt to Wellings, he put on 257 after Paul Weekes had cut Prakash match his captain shot for aggressive shot and was duly Schaffter, a mature student

rewarded for his discretion. Although Gatting began his 23rd season on the circuit in uncertain fashion, he gradually settled, moved his feet to greater purpose and punched

secure a regular place in the Middlesex side. He is an upright batsman, generally relying on timing rather than power for his boundaries, with a stout defence. He did not

his third fifty occupied just 25

Smith pushed his first delivery from Angus Fraser into the off side for two and proceeded to cut and drive with abandon against the new ball. Such a confident start made it all the more surprising that he should fall to the final ball of the first day, leg-before to Phil Tufnell when he shouldered

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Byas batters Oxford's hopes

their amusing answer to the

enough to chop Gavin Wright into the gully, where Byron Byrne took a two-handed catch above his head.

cheerless place, the remnants of winter leaving a bitter breeze and frozen knuckles for players and spectators alike, but, when the sun shines, as it did yesterday, it can also be charming

They came together shortly after lunch when Martyn

and if his 105 not out was a portent of the season to come, it will be sooner rather than They then stayed together in an unbroken third-wicket stand worth 234, which finally exposed Oxford's wafer-thin attack. Byas, on his way to 126

quick to pull and drave well. clattering 17 boundaries. He had one let-off just after passing fifty, when Roger Hudson at mid-wicket put down a sharp chance of Mark Wagh's off spin.

McGrath made a good 62 for England A last week and was in the mood to go one better this time, quickly collaring the attack and bringing up his fifty with a high straight six of Wagh. He is tipped to play for England

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J.A.G. Futton, P.G. Morgan, C. Patel, †A.P. Sonni, L.G. Buchanan, G.J. Wright and C.M.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-17

BOWLING Gough 5-1-10-1, 59

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Sri Lanka v Pakistan

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-43, 2-61

BOWLING Fraser 5-1-16-0, July 39-1; Tulnell 1 5-0-6-1

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Total (2 wids)

later. Inevitably, centuries followed for both men as they added 112 off 20 overs after tea. before Yorkshire closed the innings and picked up a couple of cheap Oxford Credit, though, should be

given to the students, who never lost their shape in the field despite the ominous signs. All the bowlers stuck to the task and Chris Battarbee, on his first-class debut, was the most consistent in finding his line and length.

With his 32nd ball, and after a change of ends, the ponytailed Battarbee found the only real movement of the day and saw Michael Vaughan edge to a sprawling James Fulton in the gully.

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A P Cowen c Hayden b Conner Total (62 overs)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-129, 3-134, 4-180, 5-211, 8-214, 7-214, 8-227, 9-245 BOWLING: Cornor 18-4-46-7; Milburn 11-1-51-0; James 14-2-40-0; Mascarentas 11-0-53-1; Udal 3-0-20-0; Stephenson 5-0-HAMPSHIPE: First Innings

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Kent v Derbyshire CANTERBURY (first day of lour. Kent won toss). Derbyshire, with set first-linnings wickets in hand, are 216 runs behind Kent

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A P Wells c Adems b DeFreilas
M V Fleming b DeFreilas
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Edras (b 4, b 7, nb 6)

Total (89 overs)
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-23, 3-78, 4-79, 5-104; 6-105, 7-199, 8-200, 9-209. 90/M.ING. Melcolm 27.4-74-6, Cork 21-6-52-1; Desti 12.2-44-0; DeFretas 21-10-35-3; Clarke 8-2-35-0 DERBYSHIRE First livings

K J Barrett c Marsh b McCague
A S Rollins c Llong b McCague
G J Adams b McCague
Till M Jones c Futon b Headley V.P. Clarke not out Total (4 wids, 13 overs)

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from Sri Lanka, to backward

A late entrant to the game,

Wellings, 27, cannot afford to

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Glamorgan v Warwickshire CARDIFF (first day of four; Warwickshire won ross): Glamongan, with rune list-urings wickets in hand, are 44 runs shead of Warwickshire.

WARWICKSHIRE: FIRE INDIGE

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W G Khan c Shew b Watton ...
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is (b 2, 1b 14, w 2 nb 16) Total (1 wkt, 62 overs) A Dale. "M P Maymard, P A Cottey, G P Butcher, †A D Shaw, R D 8 Croft, S D Thomas and D A Cosker to bal FALL OF WICKET: 1-190. BOWLING: Donald 15-9-14-1; Small 9-6-43-0; Welch 16-4-57-0; Giles 14-4-42-0; Smith 8-1-23-0. Bonus points: Glamorgan 4 Warwickshin

Umpires: M J Kitchen and D J Constent Lancashire v Durham

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of four, Lancashire won loss) Lancashire have scored 494 for mne wickets against LANCASHIRE: First Immigs

LANCLASTRIPE: FIRST RETURNS

J E R Gaffian & Speight b Brown

M A Athenton & Speight b Wood

J P Crawley libw b Betts

N H Faithrother & Bolling b Brown

G L Byd C Wood b Collingwood

M Wattanson & Wood b Campbell

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W K Head & Speak b Collingwood W K Hegg c Speal b Collegwood 7 Yales b Boiling Chapple not out P.) Marin not out . . . Extras (b 2, ib 7, nb 10)

Total (9 wkts, 99 overs) ...

DURHAM: JJB Lews, PD Collingwood, J E Morris, N. J. Speak, *D. C. Boon, †M. P. Speight, M. M. Betts, J. Wood. J. Borling, S. J. E. Brown, C. L. Campbell THE OVAL (first day of four; Somerse) won Borus points Lancashrie 4 Durham 4 Umpires G i Burgess and R Paimer. M N Laitmell b Salisbury

offer a chance in his unbeaten Some of the most pleasing strokes of the day, though

were not unveiled until Cambridge began their reply after Gatting declared on 389 for two. Inevitably, they flowed from the bat of Ed Smith.

arms.

By BARNEY SPENDER

THE PARKS (first day of three; Yorkshire won toss): Oxford University, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 314 runs behind Yorkshire

Anthony McGrath did.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

THE Parks in April can be a not out, collected his rups in an unfussy manner. He was

The traditional offering of flat track and benign attack makes it doubly so for batsmen looking to kick-start their season with an early hundred, which is just what the Yorkshire pair of David Byas and

Moxon, having eased his way to a half-century, relaxed

Total (5 telds, 104 overs) 311 G D Rose, A R Coodick, S Herzberg and K J Shine to bet.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-105, 3-215, 4-280, 5-280.

BOWLING M P Bicknet 19-8-43-1, Lewis 15-4-1-76-0 Tucky 19-3-54-1; Benjamin 6.2-1-28-0; Saksbury 25-8-63-1; Hollicake 14-6-21-2; Shahid 2-0-3-0; Thorpe 3-0-8-

SUPPREY: D.J. Bicknell, M.A. Butcher, †A.J. Stewart, G. P. Thorpe, N. Shahid, *A. J. Hollicake, C.C. Lewis, I.D.K. Salasbury, M.P. Bicknell, A.J. Zudor, J.E. Benjamin

Sussex v Northamptonshire

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A L Panberthy Bow b Robinson
#F J Warren c Greenfield b Newell
D J Capel b Robinson

J N Snape not out
J E Emburey c Athey b Robinson
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SUSSEX: K Greenfield, N J Lenham, N R Taylor, C W J Athey, K Newell, V C Drales. "1P Moores, P W Janes, N C Phillips, A A Phan, M A Robinson.

Bonus points: Sussex 4 Northamptonshin

Cambridge University

V Middleses

FEMMER'S (first day of three, Middlaser wan toss). Combridge University, with eight first-mrings wickets in hand, are 290 runs behind Middleser.

MODE ESEX: First innings

D.C. Norsh, R.L. Johnson, J.P. Hewitt, K.P. Dulch, A.R.C. Fraser and P.C.R. Tulnell did

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N Weekee & House b Schaliter

J C Pooley Bow b How ________ 1K R Brown not out _______ Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 8)

FAIL OF WICKETS 1-49, 2-314 BOWLING: How 18-5-70-1; Schaftler 20-5-58-1, House 10-0-61-0, Freath 26-2-

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University matches

BOMENG Drakes 24-5-77-0, Janus 2 51-3, Roberson 25-8-71-5, Khan 16-8 0, Newell 14-6-11-1; Philips 3-0-13-0

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FOOTBALL: MIDDLESBROUGH TURN ATTENTIONS AWAY FROM WEMBLEY AS QUEST FOR PREMIERSHIP SURVIVAL RESUMES

Final soon relegated in Juninho's priorities

By OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

of supporters left in the cav-ernous stadium by the time that Juninho emerged onto the Hillsborough pitch after Middlesbrough's FA Cup semifinal replay victory over Chesterfield on Tuesday night. His mobile phone kept rapping out its happy tune to signal congratulatory calls flooding in from Brazil, a

musical match for the smile on

his impish face.

At last, everything seemed right in the diminutive midfield player's world. His dancing, jinking performance had inspired his team to a crushing 3-0 victory over the Nationwide League second division team, a win that will take them back to Wembley next month for a chance to make amends for their eventual Coca-Cola Cup final defeat by Leicester City.
Juninho's first thoughts

were of Chelsea, of Gianfranco Zola, and of what a



great final it should be on May 17 — a final of like-minded reams with gifted individuals who try to play a passing game, a final featuring the most famous of English football's foreign legion.

"Zola is a wonderful player," Juninho said. "When I was in Brazil. I watched Italian football a lot on the television and I always saw Zola. Of course, I hope he does not play well against us, and we will give him special attention by putting Emerson or Robbie Mustoe on him, but

There are similarities in the way the two of us play. We both concentrate on the goal. When we take the ball, we both go for the goal rather than looking out towards the wings. Chelsea like to put the ball down on the ground and start playing and I think it will be a very open game. That is

resistance effort.

have been complete.

pushing on Pagliuca, the goal-

THERE were only a handful the way the English game is

It was not long, however, before the smile was replaced by a sterner expression. The questions came thick and fast shout whether the victory would help Middlesbrough in their increasingly desperate battle against relegation from the FA Carling Premiership. Juninho did not understand the one about whether he would have swapped the win over Chesterfield for league safety, but it was clear where

his priorities lay.

Less than 90 minutes after the game had finished, the team had completed a modest celebration in the players' bar before boarding a coach, not to any triumphant welcome on Teesside but to London, to prepare for the vital Premiership game with Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane

Middlesbrough have games in hand over all the other relegation candidates, but even a win over Tottenham would not lift them out of the bottom three. More important, after six games in 17 days, they face the prospect of a last fling of four games in nine days the week after next. one of them away to Manchester United.

We had lost the last two games," Juninho said, "so it was important for us to win tonight to give us and the fans something to be happy about; but we have to concentrate on the Tottenham game now. We have to win as many of our remaining games as we can to have a chance of staying up, but we are hopeful."

Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, said that the win over Chesterfield would help the club's chance of Premiership survival, but he looked too careworn to be Wembley.

"The players are tired, physically and psychologically," Robson said. "We've hardly trained over the last couple of weeks. They just prepare as best they can. The FA Cup final is a huge bonus, but avoiding relegation is still the



Ravanelli celebrates Middlesbrough's quick return to Wembley after their FA Cup semi-final replay triumph. Photograph: Ross Kinnaird/Allsport

Downcast Duncan must rally his troops

The "Good Luck Spireites" cards remained on the walls in reception at Chesterfield Football Club yesterday. If the one predicting "Middlesbrough 0 Chesterfield 2" needs to come down quickly, another proclaiming "Wembley Here We Come" can stay until first thing tomorrow, perhaps

One Wembley trail gives way to another, aithough Chesterfield's campaign to go there in the Nationwide League second division playmarginally more life left in it than their FA Cup run. The 3-0 semi-final replay defeat by Middlesbrough at Hills-borough on Tuesday night burst the bubble of romantics everywhere. For the hard core among the Chesterfield sup-port, the question now is: "Who's for Watford tonight?" David Powell looks at Chesterfield's alternative but highly improbable route to Wembley via the divisional play-offs

The hald facts are that, to have any chance of securing a piay-off place. Chesterfield must win at Vicarage Road this evening, the first of five league games in ten days.
Three of the four play-off places are as good as booked, leaving Bristol City, to whom Chesterfield travel next Wednesday, as the only bullseye to aim at on a distant target. behind City with two games in hand.

That John Duncan, the Chesterfield manager, has awoken from the dream was clear yesterday. He was down to earth. "It seems an awful backlog of pressure games for the squad we have," Duncan said. "When you look at the

league, you say that, mathe-matically, it is possible, but, realistically, it is difficult to imagine." Then it must have flashed across Duncan's mind that Chesterfield reaching the FA Cup semi-finals had been difficult to imagine, and he added: "But it is not

The wear and tear of the Cup left Duncan wondering tonight. "The Watford game is going to be very hard for us after the emotions and efforts of the semi-final and only one day's rest," Duncan said. There is the down after the Cup and the tiredness of the players. I am not going to be able to play all of those I used

In the post-match interview at Hillsborough. Duncan had looked a dejected figure, remaining seated for some moments after the last question had been fired, his head bowed. He spoke of a battle well fought, of a memorable season, of his hope that Middiesbrough would "do well" in their fight against relegation and at Wembley, but he

"I felt better this morning than I did straight after the match," Duncan said yesterday. "It was not as bad as a normal defeat. There was still the feeling when I woke up this morning of how well we had done, how much we had done for the town and the

"When you wake up after a league defeat, you feel terrible. It was clear we needed 60-40 luck, if not a little more. The first goal bounced in off the post and we needed it to

bounce out." The memory of that may fade, but never is Duncan likely to forget the goal that was not, the shot from Jonathan Howard that crossed the line but was disallowed, and which would have given Chesterfield a 3-1 lead in the original semi-final.

That is the story of it all," was the crucial moment in the ending of our dream." Blue and white banners remained on show around Chesterfield yesterday, so much joy in the erecting, so upsetting to remove, knowing that they will not be needed again this season. Unless ... "Who's for

Players urged to remember sporting standards

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BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GORDON TAYLOR, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, yesterday added his voice to those expressing concern about re-cent breaches of a generally accepted code of gentlemanly conduct.

"I think it is a good time to remind all players to keep setting the best sporting standards, no matter what is at stake," Taylor said.

Vinnie Jones, the Wimbledon captain, was criticised by Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea manager, for launching a long throw in the closing minutes of the game at Selhurst Park on Tuesday, when Cheisea expected to regain possession after kicking the ball out of play when Craig Forrest, their goalkeeper, needed treatment

At Highbury, last Saturday, Chris Sutton, the Blackburn striker, forced Arsenal to concede a corner, from which Rovers scored an injury-time equaliser, leaving the Arsenal players furious with Sutton for chasing a throw-in that had been deliberately conceded by Patrick Vieira so that Stephen Hughes, his team-mate, could be treated by the trainer.

Sutton has since hit back publicly accusing the Arsenal players of bad behaviour and asking: "Is it sportsmanship when somebody puts his forehead into your face? That happened to me. Arsenal were time-wasting, too, and, although I can't really condone what I did, it is dog-eat-dog out there."

Taylor said: "Although I've not seen either the Sutton or Jones incident, these are clear-

ly worrying instances.
"We've all done a lot of work getting the game a good name for sportsmanship in this country. We won the fair play award at Euro 96, English clubs are high in the table for good behaviour in Europe and we've earned an extra place in the Uefa Cup next season.

"We sent all our members a reminder earlier this season about their responsibilities on the pitch. It might be time to do it again, especially with so coming up, including the promotion play-offs. If we are not careful, players' actions can cause trouble in the crowd. [1] be asking them to count to ten and think about what they are doing, if it is at all possible. There is a lot of pressure on them, the pressure of having to get results."

Inter face final demands after costly resistance

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

WHEN the smoke finally keeper, and Thierry Henry. cleared at AS Monaco on for offside, had served only to Tuesday night, and Interfuel the passion of Monaco's nazionale had repelled the attacks, which culminated in frenzied assaults of their hosts. Fabien Barthez, their goal-Paul Ince was left to ponder keeper, striking a shot that was deflected wide and then the price of success. Never one to shirk a physical challenge, racing to take the corner ince, the former Manchester himself. United midfield player, had stood tall as his side worked Jean Tigana, the manager of Monaco, who lead the French

the hardest possible passage league, was predictably outraged by the slings of misforto the Uefa Cup final, clinging to the 3-1 advantage that they tune. "It's extremely frustrating for us, but that's football," he said. "I shan't had earned in the home leg. For Ince, the consequence was inevitable. A challenge comment on the refereeing, too far, a yellow card, and although I have my own automatic suspension from views. There was nothing wrong with the first goal. the first leg of the final, away to Schalke 04, of Germany, on The difference between May 7. He was not alone Jocelyn Angloma and Youri Djorkaeff, Inter's two France



Ince vellow card

ourselves and Inter was their greater experience. They went through although we dominated three quarters of the tie. But life goes on. Let's hope we still get the league title."

The victory ensured that Roy Hodgson, the Inter manager, has the opportunity to sign-off in style before depart-ing for Blackburn Rovers. Schalke will provide equally determined opposition, how-ever, as evidenced by their extra-time success against Tenerife in Gelsenkirchen.

Never having won a European trophy, and determined to keep this particular one in Germany after Bayern Munich's success last year. Schalke set about dismantling a Tenerife defence determined to cling to a 1-0 advantage

from the first leg. The partisan crowd of 56,000 was made to wait for 68 minutes before the breach was made, Thomas Linke heading in from a corner. Tenerife's cushion having been whisked from beneath them, the game became more open.

It was not until the second period of extra time, however, that the issue was settled, when an Olaf Thon free kick was headed in by Marc Wilmots, the Belgium for-

TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

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Ronaldo signs up for nine more years with Barcelona

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

RONALDO, the Brazil striker, is to sign a new contract that will keep him at Barcelona. the Spanish first division club, until 2006. It ends specuquently, stories again surfaced lation that he would be joining Lazio, of Italy, in a \$30 million that the world footballer of the (about £19 million) deal at the year was unhappy. end of the season.

Jose Luis Nunez, the Barcelona president, said yesterday: "We are very happy every-thing has been resolved at last. The only remaining problem is the wording of the contract." Although Ronaldo, 20, has scored 30 goals this season —

emulating the feat of Romario. his compatriot, of three years ago — Barcelona had become increasingly disillusioned with the number of games that he was missing because of international commitments. If he were to play in every match for Brazil this year, he would be away from his club for 76

days.

Numez was also peeved by
the constant demands of Ronaldo's agents — Giovanni Branchini, Alexandre Martins and Reinaldo Pitta. Seven months ago, he signed an eight-year contract that guaranteed him £1.2 million per season; only three months later, his advisers brokered a two-year extension and substantial annual pay rise.

The validity of Ronaldo's new contract, drafted on December 9. depended on it being signed by January 20. It was not confirmed and, subse-

Sergio Cragnotti, the Lazio resident, admitted that he had discussed Ronaldo's future with Nike, the player's sponsor, but Nunez appears to have finally settled the issue. If Ronaldo leaves Barcelona before 2006, the purchasers will have to pay \$107 million, beating the previous record, of \$42 million, set by Real Ma-

drid for Raul, the Spanish

Gianluca Vialli, the unsettled Chelsea striker, is being courted by Atalanta, the Serie A club. Emiliano Mondonico, the Atalanta manager, who launched Vialli's career at Cremonese, is seeking a relacement for Filippo Inzaghi. the leading Italian league goalscorer, who is leaving the

club at the end of the season. Ivan Ruggeri, the Atalanta president, said: "There has already been contact with Vialli, a chat between old friends. He is taking his time to make his mind up and so are we. For the moment, it's only a dream, but, in football, you never know." Atalanta, the losing finalists in the Italian Cup last season, can still qualify for the Uefa Cup

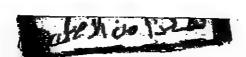
this season. ☐ AS Monaco, the runaway French first division leaders. are at home to Marseilles on Saturday. With eight titles and ten cup victories, including a triumph in the 1993 European Cup. Marseilles are the greatest club in French football history, but they have fallen on lean times and lie twelfth. They are in danger of becoming only the second Marseilles team to go through a season without an away victory. The last time this happened was in

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GOLF

Ballesteros welcomes emergence of Woods

FROM MEL WEBB IN MADRID

THE time had come, the golfers said, to talk of many things, and if sealing-wax and string did not enter the conversation, it was sheer luck. The Spanish Open starts at La Moraleja II here today and the golf will have to be pretty good in the next four days to match the brains trust that was held yesterday 24 hours before a ball had been struck in anger.

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The first big act was Severiano Ballesteros, who was the Tiger Woods of his generation. Ballesterns was present to talk of himself and his golf game, which led on m Tiger Woods, and the Ryder Cup, which led on to Tiger Woods. The way things were going. Tiger Woods's name would probably have cropped up in a matter of seconds if somebody had pondered aloud the escape velocity of a lunar probe.

Woods's coach is Butch Harmon, who sorted out Greg Norman (who is also here and



Ballesteros: ailing swing

came in later to talk about you know who) when a couple of glitches appeared in Norman's swing in the early Nineties, Harmon has advised Woods for some time, and the triangle was completed by the fact that Harmon has been summoned to Madrid this week to administer soothing nostrums to Ballesteros's ail-

ing swing.
That link finally established, Ballesteros enlarged on the composition of the Europe team that he will captain against the United States at Valderrama in September.

Ballesteros had the opportunity when in the United State for the Masters to closet himself with Nick Faldo and/or Jesper Parnevik, who have bunked off to the US Tour and refuse to return to school in Europe for more

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than a handful of appearances to try to play themselves into the team. Head prefect Ballesteros said that he had not spoken to either man, believing that the job should be left to headmaster Ken Schofield. the executive director of the PGA European Tour.

He praised Parnevik, who has had a string of top-ten linishes in the United States this season and, after finishing tied for second in the MCI Classic at the weekend, has moved up to fourth in the US Tour money-list. "Jesper's been playing very well this season and right now he has a good chance of being picked." Ballesteros said.

By now it was, worryingly. probably 30 seconds since anybody had mentioned Tiger Woods, so it came as something of a relief when his name was raised again. "I'm very happy Tiger's going to be in the team." Ballesteros said. with the hint of twinkle in his eye. "I always want to beat the best team possible."

Finally, Norman dropped in and was rapidly brought into the debate on the subject of the day. There's no doubt that Tiger's the best in the world at the moment," he said. So, speaking as the man who had led on the Saturday of all four majors in 1986 and ended up with only one vic-tory, did he think that Woods could do the grand slam this year?

"I've always said that the grand slam is possible," he said. "Whether I think Tiger can do it this year is another matter. But what if he won two? And then three? What would we be saying then?" Heaven only knows — he has won only one major so far, and still the talk was of nobody else. If he were to pluck another couple off the shelf, there would probably be questions in the House at the very least.

Davis Love sank a four-foot birdle putt on the first play-off hole to defeat Phil Mickelson and reach the semi-finals of the world championship of golf in Lake Oconee, Georgia. Both players had birdied the 18th to stay all square, with Love then putting his approach close as the play-off began, Mickelson missed a 30foot birdie putt before Love holed out. Love will now play the Japanese champion in Scottsdale, Arizona, in Jan-

important breakthrough on clay this season.

I feel pretty good going into the French Open this season," he said. "I think I was one of

Hingis ruled out by fall

THE downfall of five more leading contenders left Rich-

and Krajicek, the Wimbledon

champion, sitting pretty at the

Monte Carlo Open tennis

tournament yesterday. Kra-jicek demolished Michael

Stich, another former winner

at Wimbledon, 6-3, 6-0, but it

was the departure of another

clutch of seeded players that

Jim Courier, Thomas Enq-

vist, the Swedish player.

Wayne Ferreira, of South Afri-

ca, Marc Rosset and, perhaps

Berasategui, the Spanish clay-

court specialist, followed Pete

Samoras, Thomas Muster

and Boris Becker out of the

Krajicek, from Holland, the

No 4 seed, who had just flown

back from Japan after win-

ning a tournament in Tokyo

last week, adapted so quickly

to the slow surface that he now

believes that he can achieve an

MARTINA HINGIS, right, the women's world No I. has pulled out of a tournament in Hamburg next week because of a knee injury sustained in a riding accident. Hingis fell from a horse on Monday evening and, although the injury was described as minor, it has ruled her out of the Hamburg event and the Italian Open, which starts in Rome the week after.



Krajicek's imposing service game proved too much for Stich during a straight-sets victory

Krajicek perfects the art

of modelling style to clay

the best players at the French

last year. If only I had not felt

so tired in the end of my match against Yevgeny |Kafel-nikov]." Kafelnikov, seeded

No 3 in Monte Carlo, beat

Krajicek in the quarter-finals

in Paris last year and went on

In the third round, Krajicek

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will meet Mark Philippoussis,

the Australian, another player

service, who was too strong for

Courier, a former French

Courier, seeded No 8, strug-

led to return the service and

failed to impose his pace during a 7-5. 7-5 defeat. A

break at the end of each set

was enough for Philippoussis

Fresh from winning in Bar-

celona on Monday, Alberto

Costa, of Spain, wasted little time in dismissing Slava

Dosedel, of the Czech Repub-

lic. in straight sets and will

face Marcelo Rios, from Chile,

Open champion.

to go through.

in a rematch of the semi-final

Ferreira against Carlos Costa.

another Spaniard, or Enqvist

against Bohdan Ulihrach.

another Czech, were expected

because they are no admirers

of clay, the early exits of

Rosset, from Switzerland, and

A semi-finalist at the French

Open last year, Rosset bowed out 7-6, 6-1 to Daniel Vacek,

the Czech, and Berasategui

the runner-up in Paris in 1994.

lost to Emilio Alvarez, his

forced to qualify for the event.

Berasategui were surprising.

in Monte Carlo last year. If the misfortunes of

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44 AGOUTI

(c) A genus of rodents, belonging to the cavy or guinea pig family. The common species (Dasyprocta agout) is an animal of the size and appearance of a hare, common in the West Indies and adjacent parts of South America. French and Spanish attempts at the native Indian name. Charles Kingsley, Westward List, 1955. "Smoking anouties out of the hollow trees." Ho!, 1855: "Smoking agoutis out of the hollow trees."

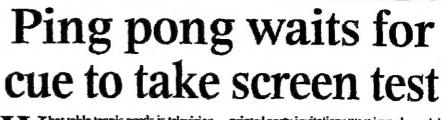
(b) The earlier form of the Turkish title Pasha. From the Old Turkish hash a head, the Old Turkish not distinguishing between p and b. Bashow of two or three tails: one of higher or lower rank, as indicated by the number of horse tails borne on his standard. "He addressed me with all the insolence of a ashaw to a Circassian slave."

(a) A low, deep, humming sound; a murmur. Apparently, an adaptation of the German brüll roar, roaring Carlyle, The French Revolution, 1837: "The People also is calm ... with but a **ACALEPHA**

(b) A class of radiate marine animals, embracing the jelly fishes and medusas, of pellucid gelatinous substance; so called from possessing the power of stinging or tingling anything which they touch, whence some of them are also known as sea-nettles. From the Greek akalephe a nettle. Gosse. Marine Zoology, 1855: "Acalepha (Sea Blubbers). The most common form of these animals is that of an umbrella or mushroom, a broad, circular convex disk of jelly, usually clear and colourless."

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- and, possibly, coloured balls. For, hyped on the small screen, just like snooker, it might be the very thing to while away those long, empty evenings

This week, table tennis found itself with a potentially bright new star - Katy Parker. 4ft Sin and, at 12 the youngest English competitor to be picked to play in a world championship. She, and a few more like her, might get viewers glued to the set to fill those wasteland hours after they have dined.

The advent of television transformed the viewing of sports throughout the world and the cameras had a powerful effect in turning relatively obscure games into mass spectator sports -- none more so than snooker.

Millions this week are watching the hypnotic theatre of the world championship at the Crucible, Sheffield, where "Rocket" Ronnie O'Sullivan recorded the fastest 147 maximum break in the history of the game.

Snooker, with its multicoloured balls and miniature arena, seems so perfect for colour television that, had the game not existed, some enterprising programmer would probably have in-vented it to delight the late-night armchair audi-

Until television took oversnooker, it had a somewhat seedy and backstreet image, which actually belies its upper-

class origins. For both snooker and table tennis were born into aristocratic Victorian Britain and, in the far off days before television, both these games were devised, not to be watched, but as an activity to while away those after-dinner hours when the leisured classes had time on their hands.

Miniature tennis was played indoors in England in the 1880s and 1890s, largely among the formally dressed gentlefolk, as a mixed-company, after-dinner diversion. A table was usually set up in the dining room or parlour. "Nets" were improvised from woven fabric, string, towels, bottles, books or whatever was to hand. Cigar boxes were broken up to serve as makeshift bats. As the game became more organised, these gave way to clumsy, long-handled, vellum rackets before they, in turn, were replaced by shorthandled wooden bats, sometimes covered with sandpaper or cork.

The first balls were carved out of the tops of champagne corks and often tipsily angled. People soon found that playing was easier if they used small rubber balls, but it was not until James Gibb, an engineer and founder of the Amateur Athletic Association. brought back to England some toy celluloid balls from the United States that the game became laughingly referred to as "ping pong", because of the sound of the ball hitting the bat.

Between 1900 and 1902 Great Britain and the United States went ping pong crazy.

printed party invitations were issued, special ping pong songs were written, the very term "Ping Pong" was registered as a trade name in the United States and thousands of clubs were set up as the great table tennis craze took off. The game was much bigger than

England's first famous player was Arnold "Ping Pong" Parker at the turn of the century, who formulated some much needed laws and was a great champion of the double-bounce service. Before the introduc-tion of this technique, the players had bizarrely tried to imitate the lawn tennis service - although the overhand service had to be banned very early.

At around the same time as the Victorian gentlefolk were inventing table tennis to liven up their evenings, snooker was being born in the boredom of the British Raj. In India, young Army officers would often while away their off-duty hours around the billiard table. In 1875, at Jabalpur, one

subaltern in the Devonshire Regiment. Neville Chamberlain, finding the games that they were playing too boring, had the inspired idea of adding coloured balls to liven up the contest and add a touch of gambling.
The word "snooker"

was a nickname for raw cadets and was in general use as an insult for the incompetent. Anytime an opponent missed an easy shot in his new game,

Chamberlain would mock him as a "snooker", and the name stuck.

The inventive Victorians, who gave these games to the world, would be amazed at the way they have grown. Snooker's big earners. such as Stephen Hendry, Steve Davis, Peter Ebdon and John Higgins, are potting fortunes. Table tennis, too, has mushroomed since the first "world championship" was held in 1927 among half a dozen European nations plus India. This week, in Manchester, the world titles are being fought for by 108 nations, with the Chinese the acknowledged masters of the game.

The Victorians would also delight in the thought that an English girl of 12, who would have been far too young to have been allowed up late enough to play when the after-dinner game was being invented. should now be representing her country in what is regarded as a worldwide sport (in 1988 table tennis finally became an Olympic event). They might also feel a twinge of regret, though, for, these days, the greatgrandchildren of the pioneers who devised table tennis and snooker all too often fill their empty hours by turning on the television to watch others play them.

The men and women who dreamt up these pastimes would be sad and puzzled that, with so much leisure time to kill, most people reach for the remote control rather than a bat, a ball or even a billiard cue.

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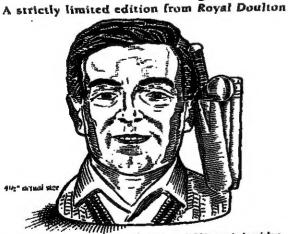
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Compton's cricketing genius unrestrained and inimitable

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pays tribute to one of England's greatest all-round sportsmen

From the middle 1930s until the early 1950s. Denis Compton was the nonpareil of the sporting world. He played cricket as every other cricketer must have wished he could. and he was scarcely less dashing on the wing for the

His meridian was 1947, It was not the figures that mattered, astonishing though they were, so much as the enchantment and the joie de rivre. In that one English season he scored 3,816 runs at an average of 90.85 and hit IS hundreds, two records that are never likely to be broken. Yet when August came. I doubt whether Compton himself knew within 500 runs or half a dozen hundreds how many of each he had made. Of the great batsmen of the past 50 years, only Ted Dexter, Gary Sobers, Neil Harvey and Vivian Richards, and perhaps David Gower, have been as richly unacquisitive, other

than when it really mattered. What even they did not have, though, was Compton's originality. We shall see another Dexter and another Richards, all being well: and Brian Lara plays very much as Harvey did. A clone of Sobers is not entirely out of the question, and others just as laid back as Gower, with the same marvellous gift of timing, will keep appearing; but I am not at all sure that it would be possible to get away with Compton's rhapsodies any

If, for example, he had walked down the pitch to Marshall or Roberts or Holding in the 1980s, when they were running in to bowl, as he would certainly have tried to do, they would very likely have sent him to hospital. If not, he would have had to wear a helmet, and to think of Compton in a helmet is sacrilege, Much of the pleasure of watching him but came from being able to catch the expression

and the flick of the hair. His feet never needed to be

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Compton in 1948 at Old Trafford, where, despite a badly gashed head, he made 145 not out against Australia

informed what to do and, if they got him into a tangle, his instincts usually got him out of it. He could feather a late cut from three yards down the pitch or drive past cover point's left hand from a foot outside the leg stump or sweep when he seemed to be standing on gully's toes. If he were to come out and play against Shane Warne this summer, the cricket would bring the country to a standstill, so thrilling would it be. The Australians would know then that there is nothing quite like

an English genius. Watching Warne at Adelaide, when England were there last, Denis said that he thought that going down the pitch to him would be tricky because of the way that he can push the ball through, but that he would have fancied his chances of sweeping him and would have been looking to cut the leg break more than happens now. To do that, of course, he would have had to

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DENIS CHARLES SCOTT COMPTON

BORN: May 23, 1918, in Hendon, CAREER: 1906: Middlerox dabut v Sussex at Lord's bailing at No 11 Made more than 1,000 nums in his fest beason 1937: Test debut v New Zoaland at the Oval, scoming 55 1947: Scored 3,816 nums at an average of 90 85, subuding 18 centures 1948-49: Made 300 v North-Bast Transvall His career-best score was made in 181 minutes and is the fastest imple-century on record 1950: Wor FA Cup winter's medial with Assertal 1984; Played final first-class meticl to MCC.

be able to "read" Warne - to know the leg break from the rest of the medley — but he was always good at that, even as a 20-year-old in 1938 against O'Reilly and Fleetwood-Smith. Some of the most memorable jousts of the postwar years occurred when Middlesex met Kent and therefore Compton met Doug Wright, a fast leg break and googly

bowler and, on his day, the best in the world. Compton loved the challenge of a drying pitch and a AVERAGES: Batting (515 matches, 639 mnings) 38,942 mins (average 51,85) Highest score; 300 Centures; 123 Bowling; 622 workets taverage 32,27). Terwicket matches 3 Best performance 7 for

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player of you." he used to say. He was a wonderful improviser and a tremendous entertainer; he was infinitely charming and incurably unreliable: but he was always forgiven. The one great sadness was that he was still in his very early thirties when the wear and tear of football left him with only one good leg. Thereafter, he got ever stiffer and more frustrated at the crease and slower between the wickets, though, even as late as 1955, when he was 37, he made 492 runs at an average

of 54 against a South Africa attack of Heine, Adcock, Goddard and Tayfield, all fine Given the chance to see any

one batsman of my time, from any country, come back and play a vintage innings, it would have to be Compton. To play for my life I might choose someone with fewer strokes and less imagination, and with Denis there would always be the chance of some horrendous muddle between the wickets. Did he not cause Leslie, his brother, to be run

out in his benefit match? The Compton of 1947, though, was inimitable. He had every stroke in the book and countless others that he made up as he went along. With him at the wicket and the best fielder in the world at cover point, who might have been Cyril Washbrook or Neil Harvey or Tony Harris, of South Africa, or Martin Donnelly, of New Zealand, that was cricket in excelsis.

turning ball. "It makes a better Naturally gifted player had enjoyment as main goal

n the cavalcade of double internationals of cricket football. Compton is arguably the equal of the legendary C. B. Fry, never mind that he never held the world long jump record. I doubt if he would have tried. Not his kind of

Considering that Compton's prime, from 21 to 26, was consumed by the Second World War, his all-round ability, not to say his dazzling, devil-may-care attitude, ranks him among Great Britain's greatest sportsmen. Above all, Compton will be remembered with affection as a professional who played the truest amateur, for the love of the game, whichever it was.

It tends to be overlooked by those caught in the glare of Compton's exploits with the bat in that astonishing summer of 1947 that, four years earlier, he had played as outside left in what many regarded as one of England's

David Miller on the 'second' career that

brought further honours

most exceptional performances, the 8-0 thrashing of

Scotland at Maine Road. This was one of Compton's 14 wartime caps, the England wing positions from 1946 onwards being commanded by Matthews, Finney, Langton or Mullen. Sir Stanley Matthews re-

calls that much of the destruction that day stemmed from the accuracy of Compton's centres. "He had a great left foot and was full of running," he said. "On his day he could be fantastic *

While the gifts of Comp-ton's incredible eye and tim-ing endured after the war at the wicket, his best football years were gone. Though he played in Arsenal's champship-winning team of 1948,



Compton was an outstanding player for Arsenal and England

and in all made 54 league appearances, his career was cut short be a severe knee injury, though not before he played - together with his brother, Leslie, at centre half in Arsenal's 2-0 victory over Liverpool in the FA Cup Final

In 1942, he had played in the wartime Cup Final against Preston North End. 'Arsenal were a tremendous team," Tom Finney recalls.
"Lesley Compton ... missed a penalty at Wembley, hitting a post, and we won the replay at Blackburn. Denis was a very

useful player, quite quick." Bill Nicholson, the former Tottenham Hotspur interna-tional wing half and then manager, remembers Comp ton in detail. "He had tremen dous skill," he said, "and was a great player at Highbury. There were days when he

could do what he wanted." During an era when the seasons of cricket and football did not overlap. Compton was one of the last to compete at the top in both. The word debonair could have been invented for him: seemingly carefree, engagingly irrever-ent, enviably talented. Of his exploits of 1947, he once said: "Oh, don't expect me to go into a long-winded explanation. I did what came naturally. What I remember most is how I loved every minute of

He was well-served by his commercial associations. sharing the subrogate "Brylcreem Boy" with Johnny Haynes. It was not out of place with this matinee idol, yet Compton was so much more than merely another funster, R. C. Robertson-Glasgow wrote of him: "Denis has genius and, if he knows it, he doesn't care."

TELEVISION CHOICE

Swept up by an obsession

If people can become obsessed with lawn mowers and sewing machines (see previous programmes in this series), it seems only a short step to a passion for vacuum cleaners. To make it, the cameras travel to Accrington, in Lancashire, where David and Barbara Casson run a repair business called Vac Services. No machine is too old — in fact, the older the better — and there is always the chance of finding a \$1 coin in the dust bag, though a dead mouse is almost as likely. As if realising that there is not a lot to be said about vacuum cleaners. Taghi Amirani's film ranges wider. It offers an affectionate portrait of the Cassons' 26-year marriage and the humour that helps to sustain it: and we go with David to Pendle Hill. his favourite spot in the country, where he wants his ashes to be

BBC1. \$30pm (Scotland, tomorrow \$.00pm)

As if making comedy out of senility was not bad enough, the show takes black humour a stage further by involving Stephanie Cole's confused and forgetful Peggy in a family funeral. Typically, she cannot remember whether it is Uncle William or Uncle Tom who has passed away, but this is a mild joke compared with the graveyard antics, and a second death, which follow. If you are in the mood, and can see the farmy side of old age and death. Keeping Mum is, in its own terms, very funny; but some may feel that there are still some things that are better left unmocked. Perhaps in Australia. where this originated, they have a more robust view about social taboos. At least there will be little argument about Cole's performance. Her Peggy is a masterly exercise in observation and timing.

Channel 4, S_30pm

Radio 4, 10,00am (FM only)

Now here is a funny thing. Sophie Grigson's cookery series, we are told, is about ingredients that were once the preserve of specialist stores but have now started to infiltrate the supermarket shelves. So what on earth is chocolate doing here. even if it is useful to know how to tell quality from cheap rubbish? Grigson's excuse for including



Stephanie Cole as Peggy (BBC1, 8.30pm)

chocolate is to show how it can be used as a savoury, in tandem with chilli as a glaze for pork. It sounds so unlikely that it could start a new craze.

More in keeping with her theme. Grigson gives us
the lowdown on Parmesan theese with a succulent recipe to show off its potential for enlivening a dull dish. As it needs to be soaked for 30 hours before use, Grigson's third item, salt cod, seems too much trouble to bother about; but she does her best to persuade vou.

Horizon: A Perfect Oil Spill

BBC2, 9.00pm

When the Liberian-owned supertanker, Sea Empress, ran aground off the South Wales coast and leaked 75,000 tonnes of crude oil, all the talk was of environmental disaster. Images of oilwas of environmental disables reinforced the message. Yet, a year later, hardly a trace of the incident was to be seen, and Andrew Chitry's film. which follows the clean-up operation, suggests that the impact of the spill was far less than the pessimists feared. It is true that many sea birds. notably scoters, were lost; shellfish, too, were hadly affected. Stocks of both, however, are expected to recover and, in its central task of clearing the beaches and dispersing the oil, the clean-up was a huge success. Learning from previous spills, when methods of removing the oil caused more damage than the oil itself, the team worked with nature and not against it.

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Jo asks his wife. Jabeen, who is on the telephone to a friend: "Can't you women live without each other?" "No we can't" Jabeen replies. This exchange establishes that close bonds between women can create tensions in other relationships. The five girlies of the title are from Asian backgrounds, but this new comedy series is far from ethnically exclusive. It will find many a resonance in the white community, especially among women who have difficulty balancing relationships formed at school tinese five met at a comprehensive and the other sectors of their lives. BBC radio has had mixed results over the past few

Radio 4, 8.00pm

This is the last in the present series and, if you have been put off so lar because the subject is the election, you should give the programme a chance tonight. It is broadcast from a studio which appears to have been sprayed with soundbite repellant and resultantly it is the most literate and enlightening election programme on the air. The discussion is chaired by Peter Kellner and includes a politician from each of the three main parties plus an academic. The subject tonight is constitutional change and, if the programme last week is any guide, it will be remarkably free of the ya-boo tosh that the electorate has suffered for the past five weeks. Obviously, having 45 minutes of talk time helps.

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour 6,00am Newsday 6,30 Surape Today 7,15 World Today 7,30 Mendian Books 8,15 Oil

RADIO 1

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7.00am Keum Greening 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Wilvey, includes at 12.30pm "Jewisteer 2.00 Word Campbell 4.00 Mark Gooder 6.15 Vewscast 6.30 Evening Session with Steve Lamado 8.30 Mone Locate 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00am Dave Registe 4.00am Cave Warrer.

RADIO 2

6.00em Sarah Kennedy 7,30 Wake Up to Wogan 9,30 Ken Stewart 5.06 John Dunn 7.00 David Allan 8.00 Paul Jones 9.00 Andy Peebles Soul State 9.30 The News Huddlines 10.0 nd Up Two 10.30 Port of All rept 12.05em Steve Madden

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Mommo Peopris 6.00 The Bresidast Programme 9.00 The Magazine 12.00 Magazinist Mar 2.00 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Marian Mare 7.00 News Edita 7.20 The Thursday Match: Collerage of the European Out Winners' Cup semi-limal between Liverport and Paris St Germain **9,30** The Death of Football (2,4) **10,00** Bhan Hayes's Election Night 12.00 After Hours — Eastly Da" with Vircent Hanns 2.00cm Up All Night with Rhod Share

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chrs Asnie, and Sandy War 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lonaire Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Scottazone 10.00 James Whale 1.00am (an Colors

Europe Today 7.15 World Today 7.30 Mendian Books 8,15 Cit the Shati 8.30 Composer of the Month 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Turning a Tune 9.30 Tommy Vance 10.05 Business 10.15 Live from the Archive 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Sport 11.30 Discovery 12.30pm Neighbours 12.45 F O.O C 1.05 Business 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Record News 1.45 Sport 2.90 Newshour 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack X-Press 4.05 Sport 4.15 On Your Behalf 4.30 News in German 5.30 Business 5.45 Britain Today 8.15 World Today 6.30 News in German 6.45 Sport 7.30 Assignment 8.01 Cuthook 8.25 Pause for Though Sport 7.30 Assignment 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 John Peel 9.00 Newshour 10.05 Business 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Meridian Books 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.05am Outlook 12.30 Viriage Chart Show 1.30 Turning a Tune 1.45 Briain Today 2.30 The Works 3.30 Focus on Farth 4.05 Business 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today CLASSIC FM

4.00mm Mark Griffiths 7.00 Mike Read 9.00 Half of Ferrie Hour 10.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Bection '97 1.00pm Linchtime Concerto Martucci (Pieno Concerto in Bifat mirror Op 66) 3.00 Jame Crick 7.00 Newspight 7.30 Sonata, Boccherin (Cello Sonata m E major) 8.00 Evening Concert. Boochenn (String Quinter in B. Op 39 No 1), Mozari (Clarinet Quintel in A major); Johann Georg Abrectisberger (Harp Concerto in C major 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00 Lunchame Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00em Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jerem Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 7.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Bank (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00em Randal Lee Rose

5.00 Music Mechine. Tommy Pearson investigates the many session musicians who are often heard but rarely seen
 5.15 In Tune, with Humphrey Carpenter Includes Bach (Prefude in E flat); Jim Parker (Mississippi Five).
 Bach (Cartara No. 150)

6.00am On Air, with Andrew MacGregor, includes Mendelssohn (String Quartet in F minor, Op 80); Strauss (Oboe Concerto): Elgar (Chanson de Nuit, Chanson de Malim; Wagner (Prelude: Persital); Purcell (My Beloved Spake). Shostakovich (Plano

Purcell (My Beloved Spake). Shostakovich (Piano Concerto No 2)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore. Includes Dvořák (The Wood Dove): Musliwecek (Violan Concerto): Janacek (Taras bulba)

10.00 Muslicet Encounters. Introduced by Chris Wines. Includes Bridge (An Irish Melody: Londonderry Air); Ropartz (Cello Sonata No 1 in Gimmor): D'India (Settings from il Pastor Fido); Ives (The Unanswered Question), Magnard (Cello Sonata in A. Op 20); Besthoven (Piano Sonata in B flat, Op 22)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Rachmaninov Includes a silection of etudes lableaux.

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1.00pm Eastern Approaches. The series in which Roderic Dunnett explores Eastern European opera. This week he explores comic operas. Includes excerpts from Smetana (The Bartered Bride): Stodek (In the Well), Dworák (The Cunning Researth (144))

2.00 Quartet Trios. The second in a series of three concerts given by the Hagen Quartet. Schumann (String Quartet in F. Op 41 No 2; Mozari (String Quartet in B flat); Schubert (String Quartet in D. Death and the Maiden)
3.30 The BBC Orchestres. BBC Philharmonic under Vasit Smasky. With Mayum Fujikawa, violin, Tim Hugh, cato, Howard Shelley, piano. Beethoven (Triple Concerto in C) (r)
4.15 Ensemble, with Parmy Gore. Floresten Trio Fauré (Piano Trio in D minor. Op 120), Brahms (Piano Trio No 3 in C minor, Op 101) (r) 2.00 Quartet Trios. The second in a series of three

(Prelude in E flat); Jim Parker (Mississippi Five).
Bach (Cantata No 150)
7.30 Bournemouth Skrifonietta, under Nicolae
Moldovearu, live from the Weymouth Pavilion
With Robert Plane, clarinet, Phillip Dukes, viola.
Sibelfus (Suite Pelleas et Melisande); Bruch
(Concerto in E minor) 8.18 Cannibals and Kings.
Professor John Klier reflects on the new Moscow,
currently under construction 8.35 Concert Part
Two. Tchalkovsky (Souvenir de Rocence)
9.40 Sicillian Volcas. The fourth of five programmes
exploring the life, history and literature of Sicily
With Joe Farrell
10.00 Music Restored, introduced by Anthony Rooley.

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Rachel Podger, violin, Timothy Roberts, fortepiano.
Mozart (Violin Sonata in E flat, Andarite and
Allegratio in C; Violin Sonata in F)
10.45 Night Waves. Patrick Wright reviews Thomas
Pynchon's faltest novel, Mason and Dison, the
story of the two British surveyors who charted the
boundary between the free North and the slaveownor South in America.

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11.30 Composers of the West: Forgotten Glants of 18th Century Opera (r)

12.30sm Jazz Notes, with Digloy Fairwesther and Dave Getly reviewing the latest crop of new releases

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes 1.00 Choral Evensong, from St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle (r) 2.00 Hungarian State Orchestra, under Janos Ferencisk. Berlioz. (Symphonie Fantastique) 3.09 Schools 5.00 Sequence

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing
6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
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9.00 News 9.05 Election Call. Peter Sissons puts
listeners' questions to the Liberal Democrat
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10.00 News; Girfles (FM). See Choice (1/4)
10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Joan Algorander. Includes a
look at the history of the kitchen and bathroom
8BC correspondents from around the world
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and
current affeirs with Mark Whittster
12.25pm Kelly's Heroes. Chris Kelly explores the file of
the publisher Rudolph Mandrae. With
contributions from Boy Hatterstey and Robert
Robinson (3/4) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarks
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Trunsday Affermoon Play: Strangers on
a Train, by Craig Warner, based on the novel by
Patricia Highsmith. Two men meet on a train and
a misunderstanding binds them together for tife.
With Anton Lesser and Michael Sheen (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan
and the guests of the day
4.00 News 4.05 Kalekdoscope. Paul Allen reviews The
Caucasian Chaik Circle as the Olivier Audiforium
begins a new season in the round at the National
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4.45 Short Story: The Gua Hanging on the Wall, by Tom Bryson. Read by Michelle Newall 5.00 PM 5.45 Party Election Broadcast by the

6.00 Stx O'Clock News
6.30 Harry Hill's Fruit Corner. The last in the six-part series with the differat comedian. Co-starring Bert Kwouk, Edna Dore, Al Murray and Martin Hyder

(946)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Right Stuff, Wrong Sec. Sue Nelson tells the story of the crew of Mercury 13, America's first female astronaut trainees, who despite being more experienced and better qualified than some of their male counterparts, never made it into

Peter Transwood

9.00 Does He Tate Sugar? The programme made for, and by, people with disabilities.

9.30 Kaleidoscope (f) 9.39 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with isabel Hilton

10.45 Book at Bedtime; One of Ours, Willa Calher's Pulltzer Prize-winning novel read by lan Porter

(4/12) (r)

11.00 Thirty Minute Theatre: Too Many Crooks, by
Donald E Westlake, dramatised by Ed Thomason
The story of two bank robbers who enter a vault
only to find it full of hosteges. With William Hope

and Andy Lucas (r) and Andy Lucas (r)

11.30 Utopla and Other Destinations. Christopher Haskins, the Chairman of Northern Foods pic. talks about his personal views of paradise (6/6) (r)

12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: High Fidelity,

by Nick Homby Read by Alan Davies (4/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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Where do you draw the line, in the end?

breaking taboos in a good cause. But sometimes, after a session watching ordinary, peak-time documentaries, a critic can feel all shaky and tight-lipped. It's like being one of those WPCs in the vice squad routinely exposed to snuff movies. What did you do today?" they ask. "Don't want to talk about it," you

Now, one doesn't like to complain. But last night, while the vast majority of viewers sensibly entertained themselves with an evening of soaps. ER and European Cup footie, it was my lonely, brave job to watch Modern Times: The End (BBCZ) - an unsensational but very challenging documentary by Helen Richards about the modern way of funerals. As everyone else ran off laughing and skipping and waving rattles, I stared miserably at the stubby short straw in my fist, and swallowed uncontrolla-

Tell, we're all for television bly. "Look at this body burning in longest in the mind. Filmed from a crematorium furnace!" The End commanded. I looked up and gulped. "Yes, you! Go on! That's a human face! Now, hang on, where did all the others go?"

The End was ultimately a very reassuring film, but it was impossibly hard to watch. Was this legitimate voyeurism, or not? Here was a dead woman manhandled into a cardboard coffin, still with her mouth and eyes open; here was another dead woman's body being pumped with embalming fluid through a tap in her neck. In an up-market funeral parlour, a glib salesman listed his products, with the speed of an auctioneer. "It's like buying a car," he kept saying. "Like buying a cur." Meanwhile. other people had opted for woodland funerals (in big willow cuskets) or green funerals; or burial at

But it was the sight of the

directly above, her body was long and thin, and as the fluid was introduced, two operatives shock-ingly manipulated her limbs, presumably in the cause of circulation. One sees dead bodies all the time on television, but this was a new category of experience; those thin white arms and legs being circled and bent, respectfully, gently, methodically. I never thought I'd take this particular oldcodger line of argument, but surely there are some things that just shouldn't be seen?

lootie viewers would switch over occasionally, of course, to see how I was getting on. But they would catch a glimpse of something grim, and hastily re-treat again. In The End, we saw the operations backstage at the crematorium (the bit you never see). A coffin shoved into the embalmed woman that will linger furnace, the big lumpy remains **REVIEW**



raked out and tumbled in a special machine to produce fine ashes. Despite the screen evidence, I still don't believe ornate coffins are

Truss

out and refitted within the hour. "We're watching Kenny Everett on Channel 4!" sang a few more siren voices. But I knew my duty. Like Odysseus, I lashed myself to

really burned, incidentally; it seems obvious that with so much

money at stake, they are emptied

remote control. "Come and watch Kenny Everett," they sang. "It's all in the best possible taste." "So is this," I replied staunchly. "It's just that I can't cope with it too well." A pair of daughters dressed their dead father for a woodland burial. placing thick white socks on his feet, combing his neat white hair. "What about a vest?" one of them said. The nice woodland-burials lady didn't mind. "Did he normally wear one?" "No," said the daughter, her voice cracking. "But

The End was certainly informative. Cardboard coffins. non-religious services, burials in fields all handy to know about. Now that it's over, I'm glad I've seen it, but it's somehow impossible to be critically objective about it when you've spent 50 minutes in a state of high heart-thumping anxiety about what you might see next. How could I trust Helen Richards

(a woman I've never met) not to chic humour and off-the-cuff visuimpose too far on my broadmindedness? After all, she made guffaws and cackles of the offme see a human skull burning in a furnace, which was quite enough.

ver on Channel 4, Heroes of Comedy was indeed about Kenny Everett - a man noted for his total inability to take anything seriously, and therefore a heady antidote to The End. like sniffing ether. It turned out that Kenny loved walking in the Yorkshire Dales, and said he'd like to be buried there. It also transpired that he had a "deep-rooted spirituality" - although, weirdly, it was Jeremy Beadle who said so. But mainly he crossed his legs in wild spidery ares and said "All in the best pahssible taste", because the combination of legs, boobs and bearded face always brought the house down. Clips from the old telly shows brought it all back: Kenny's anar-

al gags, all performed to the camera floor technicians. At the time, this selective audience seemed rather a clever, postmodern idea; now, in the era of Chris Evans, it just looks selfreferential, narcissistic. But it's true, as Cliff Richard said: the influence of Kenny Everett is so big it's impossible to calculate. What isn't true, however, is that audiences loved him, forgave him anything, and never got tired of

Remembering Everen's funeral in 1995, a friend exclaimed "All those presenters!" Evidently no-body could believe Cuddly Ken wouldn't pop out of the coffin. announcing it was all a joke. In a way, that's much more tragic than the very real dead bodies in The End. "To Kenny, everything was a fantasy," said Barry Took. "He didn't believe anything was real."

6.00am Business Breakfast (82163) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (70302892) 9.05 Election Call with Liberal Democrat Malcolm Bruce (1) (9001163)

10.00 Style Challenge (41231) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (39811) 11.00 News (T) regional news and weather

11.05 The Really Useful Show (T) (9731618) 11,35 Change That (6155892) **12.00 News** (T) regional news and weather (4965095)

12.05pm Call My Bluff Bob Holness referees, with team captains Sandi Toksvig and Times columnist Alan Coren (5517724) 12.35 Good Living presented by Jane Asher

1.00 News (T) and weather (97908) 1.30 Regional News (T) (50985279)

1.45 Neighbours (T) (72339665) 2.10 Snooker: World Championship Dougle Donnelly introduces live coverage as round two gets under way in Sheffield

(4143927) 3.30 Playdays (i) (6653705) 3.50 Postman Pat (6714811) 4.05 Felix the Cat (5858279) **4.20** Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyde (f) (f) (5839144) **4.35** Return to Jupiter (f) (7075095) **5.00** Newsround (f) (5726144) **5.10** No Sweat (f) (4485665)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (670637) 6.00 News (T) and weather (415) 6.30 Regional News (T) (135057) 6.55 PEB (910960)

7.00 Watchdog Healthcheck Alice Beer and the team investigate whether living in the country makes for a healthier childhood, and Toyah Willoox tries out alternative treatments for back pain (1) (4786)

7.30 EastEnders Sonia is forced to rethink her career plans after a run-in with the police. Pat clamps down on Barry's shady business dealings (1) (279)

8.00 Animal Hospital Snauna Lowry reports on the progress of Blossom, as she train: to be a hearing dog for the deat, and trainee nurse Sam Gill explains why she wants to work with animals (1) (3434)

8.30 Keeping Mum in Peggy's hands, a bag of oranges becomes a feared weapon at Uncle William's funeral (1) (2569)

9.00 News (T) regional news and weather

9.45 Election Broadcast: Labour (238279) 10.00 Mrs. Merton in Las Vegas: Planes, follow the exploits of the sulver-haired pensioner and her 50 elderly acquain-tances from the North West as they journey to the bright lights of Las Vegas (21892)

10.30 Question Time Labour Leader Tony Blair joins David Dimbleby to answer questions posed by members of the studio audience (T) (94144)

11.30 Lawman (1970) with Burt Lancaster. Robert Duvell and Lee J. Cobb. A sheriii tracks down a murderous gang to a hostile town. Directed by Michael Winner (T) (727540)

1,05am-1.10 Weather (6264274)

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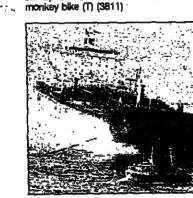
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4.00 Snocker: World Chempionship The opening second-round match (4163) 6.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine Feature-length episode. Avery Brooks and Michael Dorn star (T) (58683)

7.30 First Sight: Election Special - The Europe Question Examination of how Europeans view the British (521) WALES: Ken Hom's Hot Wol EAST: Matter of Fact MIDLANDS: Midlands Report NORTH/NORTH EAST/NORTH WEST/ SOUTH WEST/WEST: Class Up SOUTH: Southern Eye

8.00 Ken Hom's Hot Wok (r) (T) (1078) WALES: Saturday Night Megic 8.30 Top Geer General Motor's electric car, the Spectre EV1. Plus: a 1960s Honda



A leaking Sea Empress (9.00pm)

9.00 Horizon: A Perfect Oil Spill Following the clean-up operation after the Sea Empress oil disaster in South Wales (T) (547569)

9.50 Snooker: World Championship Conclusion of Tony Drago's first-round encounter with Dominic Dale (695827) 10.30 Election Broadcast Labour Perty (T) (398231)

10.40 Newsnight (741144) 11.30 PEB (770231)

11.35 Snooker: World Championship The linal visit of the day (625927) 12.25am Weather (3961651)

12.30 O.U.: Perspectives on health matters (10467) 1.00 Global Tourism (89011) 1.30 Inspiring creativity (11090) 2.00
Achieving effective communication (45629) 4.00 Learning Scottish Geelic (58941) 5.00 Business and Work (76187)

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9.55 Regional news (2240250) 10.00 The Time, the Place (76927) 10.30 This Morning (61600811) 12.20pm Regional news (4961279) 12.30 News (T) and weather (9334892) 12.54 Crimestoppers (79950989) 12.55 Wish

You Were Here? (I) (9342811) 1.25 Wish You Were Here? (I) (9342811) 1.25 Afternoon Live (69284796) 2.20 Vanessa (T) (6736991) 2.50 Alternoon Live

3.20 News (T) (7269182) **3.25** Regional news and weather (7268453)

3.30 The Riddlers (r) (6705163) 3,40 Wizadora (r) (9363618) 3.50 Oscar and Friends (r) (6368231) 3,55 Rupert (6641960) 4,20 Mike and Angelo(r) (8734347) 4,45 Sweat (T) (7066347) 5.10 A Country Practice (r) (T) (1191163)

5.40 News (T) and weather (813415) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (897250) 6.25 HTV Weather (143076) 6.30 The West Tonight (T) (658618) 6.40 Election Broadcast: Labour (1)



6.50 Emmerdale Chris comes up with an ingenious solution to his financial difficulties (T) (164569)

7.20 The European Match — Livel Bob Witson introduces coverage of the Cup-Winners' Cup semi-final, second leg, between Liverpool and Paris St Germain from Antield (99661095)

NB: The following programmes are sui to change and late running 9.30 Oddballs Eamonn Holmes is joined by Roger Black (T) (62637)

10.00 News (T) Includes an interview with Labour leader, Tony Blair, Followed by 10.30 Regional news (392057)

10.40 The West This Week (777569) 11.35 Frieze Frame (265724)

11,50 The ITV 500: The People's Election Sue Lawley hosts a debate on law and order from the marginal constituency of Coventry. Voters across-examine Home Secretary Michael Howard, Shadow Home Secretary Jack Straw and the Liberal Democrat Alex Cartille (727989) 12 20sm Box Office America (5840800) 12.40 in Bed with MeDinner (5702403)

1.15 Funny Business (28361) 1.45 Cyber Cafe (27632) 2.15 Stand and Deliver (5775477)

3.10 Jones and Jury (46049125) 3.35 Th Good Sex Guide Late (r) (2334670) 4.30 The Time, the Place (r) (80632) 5.00 Garden Calendar (66564) 5.30 News

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10.40 The ITV 500: The People's Election 11,10 Highlander (445618) 12,10am Blur in Concert (7879380)

1,45 Ed's Night Party (27632) 2.15 Club Nation (5775477) 3,10 Access All Areas (75044651) 3.40 Central Jobfinder '97 (518380) 5.20 Asian Eye (2047903)

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11.45 Alfred Hitchcock Presents (609989) MERIDIAN

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11.45 Hunter (609989)

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CHANNEL 4 6.00am Sesame Street (r) 175373) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (70231) 9.00 Be intched (i) (1) (33637)

9.30 Love on the Run (1956, b.w) with Clark Gable and Joan Crawford A comedy drama directed by WS Van Dyke

(33618)11.00 What's Going on Frank? A short Australia Wild (r) (T) (4272989) 11.10 Australia Wild (r) (T) (4270989) 11.35 Extreme (r) (T) (3847589)

12.30pm Light Lunch Cookery, chat and audience participation (47231) 1.30 The Three Stooges (b/w) (22392328) 1.50 Eight O'Clock Walk (1953, b/w) A FUM Attenhance of the Richard

Attenborough as a taxi driver wrongly accused of murdering a child Directed by Lance Comfort (T) (42451892) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (569) 4.00 Fikeen-to-One (T) (796) 4.30 Countdown (T) (960) 5.00 Ricki Lake (T) (1160) 5.30 Pe

Rescue (1) (540) 6.00 Springhiff Father McGinley convinces Liz that she is seeing things (1) (453) 6.30 Hollyoaks Teen soap (T) (705) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (442908) 7.50 Thatcher's Children See 9pm for details (T) (256732)



David and Barbara Casson (8.00pm)

8.00 Mad About Mechines: Another One Bites the Dust David Casson's obsession with classic

vacuum cleaners (T) (6144)

Taste of the Times Sophie
Grigson explores the many uses of traditional and new ingredien (2/6) (T) (5279) 9.00 Thatcher's Children First-time voters -

born on the day Margaret Thatcher was elected leader of the Conservative Party debate issues close to their hearts (1) 9.45 The Long Johns Election Specials The

last of John Bird and John Fortune's satirical looks at the general election (T) 10.00 Jo Brand Through the Cakehole (r) (T)

10.35 Election Broadcast: Labour (T) (667873)

10.45 Northern Exposure (491637) 11.40 The Naked Truth Unpleasant duties accompany a promotion for Nora (T)

12.10mm Midnight Special presented by Vincent Hanna (9195361) 1.40 Clive of India (1934, b/w) with Ronald Colman A biopic of the 18th-century British empire builder. Directed by Richard Boleslawski (295545)

3.20 Tomorrow Calling The story of a photographer haunted by mages of the future (r) (54245564) 3.35 Schools (885564) 5.30-6.00 Backdate (r) (T) (7636477)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 am 5 News Early (7411960) 7.30 Havakazoo (2548618)

8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol (2166347) 8.30 WideWorld: Heaven's Delight Bettany Hughes continues her tour of Florence

(2165618) 9.00 Espresso

10.00 Exclusive (r) (6473618) 10.30 The Great Garden Game (r) (T) (2178182)

11.00 Leeza Chat show (9305366) 11.50 Double Espresso (45962311) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Dylan puts his heart before his career (T) (2169434) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (9043250)

1.00 5 News Update (92073786) 1.05 Sunset Beach Bette informs Ben that Al

is dead (T) (6168960) 2.00 5's Company (8823665) 3.30 Inherit the Wind (1988) with Kirk

Douglas, Jason Robards and Jean Simmons. A drama about a schoolteacher in the Deep South who, in the 1920s, is forced to stand trial after being accused of teaching Derwinism. Directed by David Greene (4053989)

5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (14919415) 5.25 Party Election Broadcast (14918786) 5,30 100 Per Cent Game show (1015453) 8.00 Whittle (1) (1012366)

6.30 Family Affairs Jack tries to apologise to Maria (1) (1003618) 7.00 Exclusive (1913502) 7,30 Waterland: The Island that Came Back

to Life The wildlife of the Island of St Kilda, Britain's most offshore Island (T)

7.50 Election Broadcast: Labour (5563144) 8.00 Nancy Lam (T) (1922250)

8,30 5 News (1918057) 9.00 An Unfinished Affair (1996) with Jennie Garth, Tim Matheson and Leigh Taylor Young, A inriber about the learnesching consequences of a married man's brief fling with a much younger woman. Rod Hardy directs (32640569)

10.45 Bizzamo 10.50 Exclusive Extra (5820786)



MincAulay, Norton, Hurst (11.40pm)

11.40 Bring Me the Head of Light

imment Cornedy improvisation with regulars Graham Norton, Lee Hurs and Fred MacAulay and guests Rhona Cameron and Martin Coyole (2210724) 12.10am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine including soccer action from the US Major League and highlights from the Latin American leagues (74073075) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (6235125) 5.30-6.00 100 Per Cent (r) (5113106)

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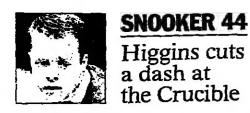
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McManaman fuels slim cup hopes

Liverpool bank on a winger and a prayer

By DAVID MADDOCK

AT MELWOOD, the Liverpool training ground. a French journalist looked on with incredulity yesterday. I have watched their session and they have only enjoyed themselves," he said, disbelievingly. His point was a basic one. How can Liverpool, after a week in which their defence was exposed as highly susceptible to crosses, not spend time trying to remedy the Shankly era for inspira-tion. United have consigned such an obvious and debilitat-Sir Matt Busby's achieve-

Contrast these two stories. When treland played in Macedonia recently, Roy Keane and Denis Irwin were whisked away straight after the game by their club. Manchester United, to a waiting private jet, which flew them back to Munchester. The next morning they were re-freshed and ready for train-ing. Jason McAteer, on the other hand, returned the next day with the national ream. with stops in Nuremberg and Dublin. After a fitful sleep, he arrived in Liverpool at 9pm the next evening. His subsequent club match was not his best.

The point is that, while United do not necessarily possess the most talented players in England, the club is certainly the most professional.

Across the board. Manchester United have a massive advantage. They have three

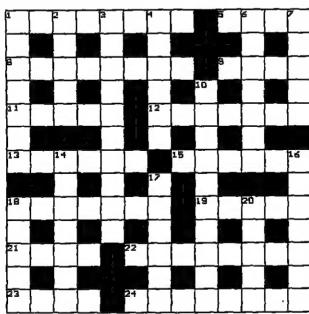
whereas Liverpool have one - and when he is away on first-team duty, injured play-ers left behind must see a freelance. United have adopted the most high-tech training techniques from around the world; Liverpool, as the French journalist witnessed. still employ methods devised under Bill Shankly. And while Liverpool still look to

ments to their museum. As Liverpool enter their Cup Winners' Cup semi-final, second-leg tie against Paris Saint-Germain tonight, they would do well to reflect on such a contrast. They trail 3-0, and yet the competition now repre-



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10 Initiative, energy (3-2-3-2)

said yesterday.

full-time physiotherapists sents their only realistic hope whereas Liverpool have one of silverware this season. The summer is the time for reflection and possible recrimination, but what chance do Liverpool have tonight when they have not even worked on defending crosses this week?

learnt from this season, it is that it is no longer viable to throw together a collection of talented players and ask them to go out and play. It may have worked for Sharikly, Paisley. Dalglish even, but it will not work against the likes of Juventus, Ajax and Manchester United.

institution for the 21st century: yet the very fact that he has a talented, maverick group of players, whose inconsistency has cost him so dearly this season, could rescue a seem-ingly impossible situation this

On occasions this season everything has come together and Liverpool have been irresistible. If Evans asks them to

campaign to win 3-2 on aggregate.
"I remember it was a marvellous occasion, a magnificent atmosphere at Anfield," he said yesterday. "In the first leg they murdered us, much more convincingly than we

have a chance." In the other semi-final, Bobby Robson, the Barcelona coach, finds himself in a similar situation. What had been a season of huge promise

Barcelona visit Fiorentina of Italy, after drawing 1-1 in the first leg, and Robson accepts that it is his side's only chance of salvaging something tangible this season.

we will have to roll up our sleeves and really go for it," he

If there is a lesson to be

Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, must quickly update his club and turn it into an

impossible, but you never know with our team at Anfield," Evans said. "We are capable of rescuing this tie. just as we were of throwing the game away in Paris. What we must have is a belief that we can still do it, still pull it off. If we don't believe, we can't

achieve." Evans may well choose to adopt an attacking line-up, with Berger joining Fowler and Collymore in the forward line, yet if they are to have any hope at all, then it is towards McManaman, a comparative veteran at 24, that Liverpool

must look for inspiration. He alone possesses the talent to destroy the powerful Parisians. He also has history on his side. McManaman is the sole survivor from the last occasion that Liverpool met French opposition in Europe, when they overturned a 2-0 deficit after visiting Auxerre in the Uefa Cup in the 1991-92

were beaten in Paris, and that's why I believe we still

has come down to a desperate final throw of the dice.

"We are in a position when

go out and play — really play
— and they respond, then
there is vague hope yet.

It is very difficult, almost

By Russell Kempson IT WAS only a tweak of the harnstring, but its impact could be felt not only by Chelsea but also by the national teams of England and Italy. When Gianfranco Zola limped off in the final minute of his side's match against Wimbledon at Selhurst Park on Tuesday night, having

> in Chelsea's 1-0 win, the portents were not good. Little appears to faze Rund Guilit, the Chelsea playermanager, but even he could muster no more than a guarded response. "I'm no medical expert and cannot say how long the injury will take to heal," he said. "It is a little muscle problem, a spasm rather than a pull. Maybe it is

played a typically vibrant role

not too bad." It is unlikely to exclude Zola from the FA Cup final against Middlesbrough at Wembley

on May 17. He will be handled with care and nursed gently back to health at Stamford Bridge, such is his value to

He may, however, miss Italy's group two World Cup qualifying match at home to Poland next Wednesday. Indirectly, that could help England, who play against Georgia at Wembley on the same night. A draw or victory for Poland, against a Zola-less Italy, would enhance England's chances of qualifying

for the finals in France next Zola flew out to join the Italy squad yesterday, which Gullit deemed a sensible option. "I don't think he will be able to play next week but it is a good thing he is still going to Italy."
Gullit said. "He can have

treatment every day from the national team's doctor." Even if the worst happened, and Zola did not recover in time for the Cup Final. Gullit second half, they emerged retained an optimistic tone. empty-handed. We played retained an optimistic tone. "Although he gives us something extra. with his great skills. I know I have other players who can cover for him." he said. "Even in a cup

Yevgeny Kafelnikov grimaces during his second-round defeat by Christian Ruud at the Monte Carlo Open yesterday. Report, page 49

While Chelsea's victory bore little relevance to the key issues in the FA Carling Premiership, Southampton's

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1-0 victory against Sunderland at Roker Park proved a huge fillip for the South Coast club. They leapfrogged above Sun-derland, into fifteenth place. and one more win could steer them clear of relegation.

Egil Ostenstadt gave Southampton a 22nd-minute lead and although Sunderland laid siege to the visitors' goal in the

department.
"Sunderland threw a lot of aerial stuff at us but we coped. When we had to tackle, we did. It was very pleasing all round. We've now got ten days to prepare for our next game, against Blackburn Rovers at home, and if we can win that, we should be safe."

very well for the first half-hour

and then had to hang on a bit."

Graeme Souness, the South-

ampton manager, said. De-

fending has been our big

problem all season but, for a

change, we did well in that

Claus Lundekvam, the central defender, will miss the rest of the season after sustaining a shoulder injury but Matthew Le Tissier could return against Blackburn. "He's not yet match fit but he's not too far away," Souness

Defeat for Sunderland in-

Global concern at diminished Zola power visit of Everton on May 3 the last game at Roker Park before the club moves to a new ground — taking on huge importance. "I've never played in a Cup Final," Niall Quinn. the Sunderland striker, said. "but the Everton game will be

the nearest thing to it."

Neither Sheffied Wednesday nor Aston Villa managed to improve their chances of qualifying for the Uefa Cup. with Wednesday losing 41 to Blackburn at Ewood Park and Villa held to a 0-0 draw by Leeds United at Elland Road. Blackburn's victory should have banished any lingering

fears of relegation. In the Nationwide League first division, Ipswich Town moved closer to securing a play-off place when they de-feated Manchester City 1-0 at Portman Road. Steve Sedgley converting a 41st-minute

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Chelsea forge Internet link

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF .

GUSTAVO POYET, the Uruguay international, is to move from the Spanish club, Real Zaragoza, to Chelsea at the end of the season, it was reported in Madrid yesterday. The Madrid sports daily newspaper, Marca, said that Poyet. 29. a midfielder, had

agreed a four-year contract with the FA Cup finalists. On the same day, Chelsea also revealed plans to sell match tickets over the Internet, following the example set by some theatres and

cinemas which offer on-line booking facilities. From 1998, supporters are expected to be able to purchase tickets from any computer linked to the Internet and one idea is that users could call up an interactive map of the ground, complete with a seating plan, and click on a particular seat to reserve it. Stuart Pearce, the Nottingham Forest caretaker manager, is to remain at the City Ground next season as a

player - even if the club are But the England defender is not revealing whether he will remain in the managerial hor seat on a permanent basis, although he admits he has

made his mind up. Pearce, who took over as

caretaker boss in December until the end of the season. faces the possibility of life in division one next season and deleat at Derby tonight would virtually seal Forest's fate.

"I will certainly be here as a player next season as I have a three-year contract to honour," said Pearce. "Unless I hear from anybody high up in the club in the meantime. I will still be here. I have also made my mind up as regards whether I want to remain as a manager but I am not ready to

reveal what my thoughts are." There has been constant speculation that general manager Dave Bassett would take over team affairs from Pearce in the summer if he opts to quit that role.

Sport mourns man for all seasons

the passing of great sportsmen, yet it is somehow apposite that Denis Compton died yesterday, with the football and cricket seasons overlapping. For he played both, a master of that bygone breed of international footballer-cricketers, men who exchanged the summer for the winter game as if by

slipping into a new coat. Compton defined the sea-sons and though the cricket season began in earnest yesterday at half-mast and in silent respect to him, his legacy was of an era when a gifted man could walk from the crease to the playing field of football and represent his country at both. The seasons then were sacrosand, now they consume one another. Besides, Gary Lineker, a talented opening batsman as

well as a fine goalscorer,

found that the choice had to

be made in adolescence, that

Rob Hughes salutes the sublime talent of Denis Compton, who died yesterday

sessed and obsessed the lad before he was a man. Compton became the first of our prominent sportsmen to employ an agent; now the sports are infested with them and it is agents, even more than parents, who procure the fortune for the budding

sportsman. Compton had something to say about this 20 years ago. "Cricket was my first love but with the financial incentives now in football it would have been extremely difficult for me to choose. It is wonderful to see footballers at last getting the wage their crowdpulling talent deserves, but you hear so much talk about pressure and professionalism ... I loved those long summers and then changing to winter to play football 50 times a season." Even then, it took its toll. One talks, nowadays of the

overuse syndrome, of athletes in all disciplines stricken down by wear and tear injuries. Compton was a forerun-ner of that as well; he played in the 1950 FA Cup Final for Arsenal, his last game of professional football before surgeons had to work on his crippled right knee. He had charisma, a marvel-

lous capacity to improvise his game and his life, and the last words he wrote for anyone were penned just days ago for the England and Wales Cricket Board Ashes guide. "There is nothing quite like an Ashes summer," Compton wrote. "It is a time when I particularly enjoy catching up with old friends, and indeed old adver-saries like Keith Miller." He urged everyone to enjoy this summer, but perhaps we should hope that never again will a man or woman so gifted have to second five years of their sporting prime to war, as Compton did.

YetCompton, like his broth-er, Leslie, was a privileged individual. Privileged with his gift, privileged with his time, and privileged that his mother, having forbade him to join the Lord's groundstaff for only four months' work a year, acquiesced once Arsenal offered to pay him for the winter game. Such duality goes to the grave with the greatest all-rounder of them

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